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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE
OF THE
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND
THE JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,
INCLUDING
THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ITS OFFICERS AND STATISTICAL TABLES
SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE ORDER,
From its Formation in February, 1821, to the Close of the Annual Session of 1851.
TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED,
THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, FORMS OF WARRANTS,
DISPENSATIONS, REPORTS, ETC
THE WHOLE BEING ACCOMPANIED WITH
AN ANALYTICAL INDEX.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN THREE VOLUMES.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1845.

MONDAY, September 15th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN W. STOKES,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ANDREW E. WARNER,
ALBERT CASE,
WILLIAM CURTIS,
RICHARD BRANDT,
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY,
P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY.

M. W. G. Sire.
R. W. D. G. Sire, *p. t.*
R. W. G. C. & R. Secretary.
R. W. G. Treasurer.
W. G. Chaplain.
W. G. Marshal.
W. G. Guardian.
W. G. Messenger, and

The Grand Secretary, having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of states were present, the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified; and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect, which were read and referred to a special committee.

The Chair named Rep's Kneass, of Pennsylvania; Holmes, of New Jersey, and Hinkle, of Kentucky, as the committee.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on credentials, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, the report was accepted, and the Representatives admitted to their seats.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee on credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following Representatives as correct :

GRAND LODGES.

P. G. SEC'Y JOHN A. THOMPSON,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
P. G. ENOCH P. HOLDEN,		
P. G. JOSEPH L. DREW,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts.
P. G. SEC'Y WM. E. PARMENTER,		
P. G. BENJAMIN C. TRUE,	}	Reps. of New York.
P. G. DAVID D. EGAN,		
P. G. M. JOSEPH BROWNE,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. SMITH SKINNER,		
P. D. G. SIRE WM. W. MOORE,	}	Reps. Dist. of Columbia.
P. G. WM. B. MAGRUDER,		
P. G. EDWARD MCINTYRE,		Rep. of Delaware.
G. M. DAVID T. SNELBAKER,		Rep. of Ohio.
G. M. CHARLES W. WHITALL,		Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. M. MARSHALL C. HOLMES,	}	Reps. of New Jersey.
P. G. THOMAS S. DAY,		
G. M. JOHN B. HINKLE,		Rep. of Kentucky.
P. G. JAMES D. McCABE,	}	Reps. of Virginia.
P. G. JAMES M. FORD,		
P. G. GEORGE BROWN,		Rep. of Indiana.
P. G. GEORGE I. DICKS,		Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. ISAIAH FORBES,		Rep. of Missouri.
P. G. S. B. BRITTAN,	}	Reps. of Connecticut.
P. G. M. FREDERICK CROSWELL,		
P. G. WILLIAM. F. DAVIS,		Rep. of Tennessee.
P. G. WILLIAM D. PORTER,	}	Reps. of South Carolina.
P. G. ROBERT W. SEYMOUR,		
P. G. ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON,		Rep. of Alabama.
P. G. THOMAS LLOYD,	}	Reps. of Georgia.
P. G. WYLIE WILLIAMS,		
P. G. NATHANIEL F. DEERING,	}	Reps. of Maine.
P. G. WILLIAM R. SMITH,		
P. G. EBENEZER B. WHITE,		Rep. of Rhode Island.
P. G. M. DAVID PHILBRICK,	}	Reps. of New Hampshire.
P. G. GEO. W. MONTGOMERY,		
P. G. J. WRIGHT GORDON,		Rep. of Michigan.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. RICHARD MARLEY,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. P. CHARLES MCGOWAN,	} Reps. of New York.
P. H. P. FRANKLIN W. GILLEY,	
P. C. P. DAVID CHURCHILL,	Rep. of Ohio.
G. P. TAL. P. SHAFFNER,	Rep. of Kentucky.
P. D. G. SIRE HORN R. KNEASS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. JOHN L. DEVOTION,	Rep. of Connecticut.
P. C. P. STAATS S. MORRIS,	Rep. of New Jersey.
P. H. P. ROBERT L. ROBBINS,	Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. C. P. E. C. ROBINSON,	Rep. of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

HORN R. KNEASS,
MARSHALL C. HOLMES,
JOHN B. HINKLE.

The Journal of the last Session being in progress of reading, on motion of Rep. Holmes, of New Jersey, the further reading was dispensed with.

The Journal of the Extra Session being in progress of reading, on motion, the further reading was dispensed with.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

On Certificates.—Reps. Kneass, of Pennsylvania; Holmes, of New Jersey, and Hinkle, of Kentucky.

On the State of the Order.—Reps. Moore, of District of Columbia; Crosswell, of Connecticut, and Gordon, of Michigan.

On Correspondence.—Reps. Kneass, of Pennsylvania; Dicks, of Mississippi, and McIntire, of Delaware.

On Finance.—Reps. McGowan, of New York; Ford, of Virginia, and Davis, of Tennessee.

On Petitions.—Reps. McCabe, of Virginia; Porter, of South Carolina, and Parmenter, of Massachusetts.

On Returns.—Reps. Williams, of Georgia; Skinner, of Pennsylvania, and Whitall, of Louisiana.

On Grand Lodges not Represented.—Reps. Robbins, of Massachusetts; Montgomery, of New Hampshire, and Churchill, of Ohio.

On Official Magazine.—Reps. True, of New York; Philbrick, of New Hampshire, and Snelbaker, of Ohio.

The Grand Sire submitted the following, being his Annual Report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the United States is at all times interesting to the community of Odd Fellows. That body being the supreme head of the Order, it is looked to with veneration and respect. At its meetings are collected the Representatives of the various Grand Lodges and Encampments established within the bounds of its widely extended jurisdiction, bringing with them know-

ledge, talent, and wisdom in matters relating to the Order. They meet together in the spirit of brotherly love, to communicate information of the state, condition, and prosperity of the brotherhood in their respective districts ; to tell of the advantages the human family have derived from a knowledge of the principles taught and practised by our Order ; to enact such laws and establish such rules and regulations as may more fully and extensively disseminate that which is good, encourage the best, and restrain the worst propensities of mankind.

During the recess of the Grand Lodge, the care and superintendence of the Order, and of the various Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction, are committed to the Grand Sire, who is invested with authority to act for, and in all things to represent the Grand Lodge. It is his duty at each Annual Session to make "report of the state and condition of the Order," what he has judged proper to do during the recess, and to recommend that which in his judgment may be for general advantage. In performance of this duty, it affords me satisfaction to be able to state, that with but few exceptions all the Lodges and Encampments are in a state of prosperity highly gratifying to the Officers under whose care and superintendence they have been placed, and to the members of the Order in general. With a steady desire to promote the happiness, improve the morals, and benefit their fellow-man, the members of the fraternity have in their practice, and by the dissemination of the principles of the Order, made manifest the benefit to be derived therefrom. A desire to share in that which was found productive of good to others, has caused so vast an increase of members, that we now number about one thousand Lodges, and about one hundred thousand members, directly connected with, and working by virtue of authority derived from this Grand Lodge. This vast body, all of whom acknowledge the benefit and advantage of a connection with the Order, are citizens of the various climes within North America, from the cold region of the North to the warm climate of the South. They hail each other as brothers—they vie with each other in their endeavors to disseminate the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and by their practice, to encourage virtue. Amongst them there is no distinction known either in relation to political or religious opinion, the section of country which gave them birth, or the nation to which they owe allegiance. The rich and the poor are alike entitled, and alike receive the benefit derived from a connection with the Order—the hand of Friendship is alike extended to all.

Since the last session, dispensations have been issued, authorizing the opening of various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to work under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. They have been duly opened, and the proper instructions have been given by the D. D. Grand Sire, within whose jurisdiction they are located. A statement of the dispensations issued, and the Lodges and Encampments opened—their dates and location—will be furnished by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in his annual report. From the reports made by the D. D. Grand Sires, all those Lodges and Encampments are doing well. Having granted a dispensation for a Lodge at Burlington, in the state of Vermont, being the first in that State, I appointed William H. Smith, of New York, D. D. Grand Sire, for that state, who, if confirmed by you, will hold the office

till the first of January, 1846. Since his appointment he has opened a second Lodge in that state.

During the past summer I have received and accepted the resignation of D. D. G. Sire Churchill, from the office of D. D. G. Sire of Maine. Having received official information that application for a Warrant for a Grand Encampment for Maine would be made at the earliest session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and believing that such warrant would be granted, I have not deemed it advisable to appoint a D. D. Grand Sire to fill the vacancy.

By a letter recently received from the Scribe of Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 1, at Mobile, I am informed the D. D. G. Sire E. Salomon, having ceased to be a member of any Subordinate Lodge, his right of membership in the Encampment also ceased. A vacancy has, therefore, occurred in the office of D. D. Grand Sire for Alabama.

For the purpose of adjusting and settling the accounts of D. D. G. Sire Churchill with this Grand Lodge, I issued a commission, appointing G. M. Pratt and G. Rep. Smith, of Maine, commissioners for that purpose. Their report will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary.

In my report made to you at the last session, I stated that I had granted permission to the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas to hold its future meetings at Houston. In this, there was error. I should have stated that the Grand Lodge, which had formerly met at Houston, had received my permission to remove and hold its meetings at Galveston. The report, as made by me, was approved by the Grand Lodge, and the change of location ratified. Being informed of the error contained in my report, and that some difficulties existed amongst the Lodges in consequence thereof, I, without delay, corrected the error by granting to the Grand Lodge of Texas my dispensation, authorizing (as I had originally intended) that Grand Lodge to remove and hold its meetings at Galveston, at which place it is now held. From reports made to me by D. D. G. Sire Cordova, I cherish the hope that the Order, which, from a variety of causes, has been on the decline, will revive, and that its benign influence will be felt and acknowledged by all the inhabitants of our sister Republic. The difficulties they have had to encounter, and the embarrassments under which they have had to labor, has caused that Grand Lodge to be in arrears to the Grand Lodge of the United States for dues, which they find themselves unable at present to pay. They ask to have those arrearages remitted. I submit to your judgment whether it would not be for the good of the Order to grant their request. The disturbed state of their Republic, the uncertainty which has for years existed as to its final result, combined with other causes, has produced difficulties, and acted unfavorably to the propagation and spread of the benevolent principles of our Order. It is to be expected that with the removal of those causes the Order will assume a rank, and be acknowledged there, as in other parts of our jurisdiction, amongst those institutions most deserving our love. With the knowledge they already possess, it only requires a state of public tranquillity to enable the Brotherhood to put in practice the benevolent principles taught by the sublime Lectures and Charges of the Order.

The state of the Order in Louisiana will require some attention from you. I regret to be obliged to inform you that, from the reports made to

me, the Order is not as prosperous in that state as it should be. Some difficulties exist amongst the Brethren, arising, probably, from a misconception of the power and authority of the Grand Lodge, and of the respect and duty the subordinates owe to it. This subject, together with the documents received in relation thereto, is submitted to you for consideration, in the hope that you will adopt such measures as will remove the difficulties at present existing there.

Information having been given me that the Grand Encampment of South Carolina had neglected to make its regular returns, was in arrears for dues, and that its Charter was still in possession of the Grand Corresponding Secretary—the fee therefor not having been received at his office—and inquiries having been made of me, by the Subordinate Encampments of South Carolina, as to the course of conduct proper for them to pursue under existing circumstances, I addressed a communication to the Grand Officers of that Grand Encampment, dated May 11, 1845, requiring of them to make the proper returns and payments to the Grand Secretary before the end of the fiscal year, informing them that unless this was done their Charters would be forfeited. In reply to the Subordinate Encampments, I directed them to retain in their own treasury the amount they were indebted for dues, till such time as they should receive further instructions from the Grand Sire. From the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, I have had no reply. The state of its indebtedness will appear by the report which will be made by the Grand Secretary, upon the state of the finances. Whether any, and what further action shall be taken in the matter, will be for you to direct. I was in hopes that such returns would have been made to the office of the Grand Secretary as would have prevented the necessity of my making any report on this subject. I did expect that the Grand Encampment of South Carolina would have seen the propriety of conforming to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have retained for their branch the high character which the members of the Order in that state have held, and are so honorably entitled to maintain. Since the foregoing report was prepared, I have received information from the Grand Secretary that the Grand Encampment of South Carolina has realized the hopes and expectations I had had in relation to it, and that it has made to his office full returns, and paid the fees and dues for which it was in arrear. It affords me much satisfaction to add this to my report. The subject is submitted for your consideration.

As directed by a resolution passed in September, A. D. 1844, I issued a commission, appointing D. G. Sire Stewart, G. Masters Allen and Wilson, commissioners to visit Springfield, in the state of Illinois, and gave to them authority to investigate the state of the Order there, and if in their judgment the good of the Order should so require, to reclaim the Charter of the Grand Lodge, and of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, or either of them, in the name and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States. From D. G. Sire Stewart, I have received information that a favorable change had taken place there, and that the Order would be restored to usefulness in that state. During the present session I hope to receive and lay before you a full report from the commissioners.

Immediately after the close of the last session, I gave a special commis-

sion to P. G. M. Albert Case, authorizing him to deliver the Charters and open the Grand Lodges which you had granted for the state of Michigan and for the Province of Canada. In obedience thereto, that distinguished Brother proceeded to Detroit, where he opened the Grand Lodge, and delivered to it the Grand Charter; after which, he went to Montreal, in the Province of Canada, and performed the same duty. His report upon the subject will be submitted to you, and you will perceive thereby that they who compose the Order in both these jurisdictions are well deserving the trust reposed in them, and give reason to believe that those Grand Lodges will be among the brightest ornaments belonging to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Order having now extended to every state in the Union, and Grand Lodges and Encampments having been established in most of them, the number of D. D. Grand Sires is greatly reduced, and unless otherwise ordered by you, that office will in a few years cease to exist.

Those Officers being the Representatives of the Grand Sire in the jurisdiction for which they are appointed, have heretofore rendered great and important service both to him—by relieving him from labor, which, by the extent of country over which his jurisdiction extends, it would have been next to impossible without their aid to have performed—and to the Order, by the care and attention they have given to maintain the Work in its original purity, and by the information and instruction they have given to the various Lodges and Encampments within their jurisdiction, who, without the aid of some experienced officer, would encounter difficulties in the attainment of correct knowledge, so important to their well-doing. A reference to the reports and returns made by them, will give conclusive evidence of the important advantage the Order has derived from the office of D. D. Grand Sire.

To the Grand Corresponding Secretary they have been of essential service—acting as his official agents. They have, by strict attention to his requirements, and the transmission of regular returns, enabled him to bring the financial department of his office from chaos to systematic regularity—an object of great importance, and which for years it has been the desire of this Grand Lodge to accomplish. Much important information has been obtained from them in relation to the state and condition of the Order, without which the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary would have been unable to give you that information in relation to the Order which you require, and which it is desirable you should possess.

At the last session, I endeavored to enforce upon you the importance of those Officers, and the benefit the Order would derive from an extension of the authority already vested in the Grand Sire, so as that he should have power to appoint a D. D. Grand Sire in every state, district, and territory over which the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States extended, and this without reference to the question whether a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment was established therein. The subject was referred to the consideration of the Committee on the State of the Order, and it met their approbation. They reported a By-Law giving the authority, which, although passed by your body, was subsequently reconsidered, and did not receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge. I again submit the subject to you for consideration, and believing, as I do, that the

authority to appoint those officers, as requested, is all-important to the continued welfare of the Brotherhood, I earnestly desire that it should receive cool and deliberate attention. Should you approve the suggestion, and authorize the appointment of D. D. Grand Sires in each state, district, and territory, a By-Law should be passed, defining the power and authority of those officers, which should be such as, that without any interference with the authority of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in any of its delegated power, they should represent the Grand Sire in all matters relating to the Work of the Order; be his agents to carry into effect whatever this Grand Lodge should direct to be done during the recess, and, at the same time, should act as the fiscal agent of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and thereby continue and carry out the system of finance which has been found useful, by producing regularity and certainty in the receipts and returns from the different Lodges and Encampments connected with this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, at its last session, passed a resolution directing sale to be made of the "entire interest of the Grand Lodge in the Covenant or Official Magazine," and specially dictated the terms and conditions on which the purchaser should thereafter conduct the Magazine. A committee of three was appointed (the Grand Sire made its chairman) to carry into effect that resolution, who were specially instructed to "give preference to P. G. M. Neilson in the sale of the work, if the terms of his offer were as favorable as those of *any other bidder*." This instruction had the effect to prevent competition. The committee being bound to give preference to Br. Neilson, upon the terms of the resolution, it was useless for any other person to make an offer. The only offer made to the committee was by Br. Neilson, which offer he made in the language of the resolution, viz: that he was "willing to give whatever may be offered by any other person." Subsequently he made a distinct offer of "*fifty dollars*" for the work. You will find by the report of the committee, that, although they offered to transfer all the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to him, yet he refused to receive it, subject to the conditions contained in the resolution authorizing the sale to be made.

Without the consent of the committee, Br. Neilson undertook to publish the Covenant, at his own risk, and as his private property, but in such manner as to induce the belief that it was an authorized continuation of the former official Magazine. The manner in which the work has been conducted by him, manifests the wisdom of that provision in the resolution by which it was made one of the conditions of sale, "that all original matter should be submitted to the supervision and control of the Grand Corresponding Secretary." Much has been published in the work which would not have met his approbation; in particular, those numbers which undertake to give a "Digest of the Laws, Usages, and Customs of the Order." Independent of the fact that such publication is a violation of the law passed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, whereby all publications of that description are prohibited, without the authority of this or some other Grand Lodge being first had and obtained, the matter contained in this Digest is calculated to mislead. Particularly objectionable are the notes of the junior editor—in some of which he undertakes to declare that as law, which is in direct contradiction to the solemn decision

of this Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge being the Supreme Head of the Order, before whom all matters may be brought for final decision, nothing can be considered as the law, usage, and custom of the Order, until it shall have been considered and so declared by it. The Constitution has declared that in this Grand Lodge is placed the power to enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general—to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to anything which concerns Odd-Fellowship. Whilst the Grand Sire is of opinion that a collection of the laws, usages, and customs of the Order, as made, acknowledged, and sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, would be of great utility, yet the publication as the laws, usages, and customs of the Order, that which is the mere decision of a Grand Lodge on a question arising directly or incidentally before it, made, in many instances, during the infancy of such Grand Lodge, and which has not received the sanction of this Grand Lodge, is calculated to do more harm than good.

The committee on the Covenant, not having been able to make sale thereof, upon the terms and conditions to which they were restricted, the matter will be again submitted to you for consideration and further direction.

During the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Sire is invested with great power; he is looked to for advice and instruction in all cases where difficulties occur in relation to the laws, usages, and customs of the Order—his opinions and instructions are received by both Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments as the rule and guide of their conduct. It is important, therefore, that these opinions and instructions be uniform, and being universally known, should act as the rule and guide for all on similar questions and occasions. With this view, and to attain this object, I recommend to this Grand Lodge that a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to digest and report for the approval of this body, all the decisions and instructions upon matters in relation to the laws, usages, and customs of the Order, which have heretofore been made and given by the different members of the Order, who have filled the chair of Grand Sire—which, being collected, revised, and approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be printed and furnished to the several Grand Lodges and Encampments, as precedents for their guidance in the decisions of all similar questions. This would in a great measure prevent difficulties, and produce a uniformity of decision in the various Lodges upon questions which may arise therein. As new questions shall arise, it will be easy to add the decision thereof to the digest. This subject being one of importance, and, as I think, deserving of serious consideration, I submit it to you for deliberation, satisfied that what you may determine in relation thereto, will be for the good of the Order.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States has heretofore been principally derived from the per-centage paid by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. That, added to the fees for Charters and the quota paid by each Grand Lodge and Encampment as a Representative fee, has yielded an amount equal to the annual expenses. The Order having now extended to every state in the Union, and Grand Lodges and Encampments having been established in nearly all thereof, the per-centage from subordinates is much reduced, and will in a short time cease to

be a source of revenue. It will be necessary, therefore, that you should at this session take the subject into your serious consideration, as it must be apparent to you, that with the great increase of expense which is necessarily attendant on the increase of the Order, the remaining sources of ordinary revenue will be wholly inadequate. The fee for Charters will also in a short time cease as a part of the revenue, leaving the quota or Representative fee from each Grand Lodge and Encampment, now fixed at twenty dollars for each Representative, as the only source of direct revenue. I suggest whether it would not be advisable to increase this fee in such manner as to make it bear equally on all, and be regulated by the number of members belonging to each Grand Lodge and Encampment. When it was fixed at twenty dollars, it was in the infancy of the several Grand Lodges, and but a few of them numbered over one thousand members. Is it not reasonable, that with the great increase of their members, the assessment for the support of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be also increased? This, or such other mode as you in your wisdom shall devise, it will be necessary to adopt, in order to sustain the Grand Lodge in future.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary was at the last session directed to cause steel plates to be procured, and the form as adopted for travelling and visiting cards to be engraved thereon. He was also directed to have a sufficient number of cards printed therefrom, and furnish them to each Lodge and Encampment within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, at cost. This duty he has attended to. The cost of plate, paper, and printing, being five cents each card, he has charged them to the Lodges at six cents—the excess over cost being about equivalent to the expense of postage, packing, and transportation. The performance of this duty has considerably added to the labor of the Grand Corresponding Secretary. For the purpose of producing more uniformity, and to avoid all deception, I would suggest whether it would not be advisable that all cards hereafter issued should be signed in the margin by the Grand Corresponding Secretary; his signature being known throughout our widely extended Order, would be the guarantee for the genuineness of the card. As this would add much to his labor, he should receive an adequate compensation therefor, to meet which an increase of charge should be made in the price of cards furnished, which, if fixed at twelve cents, would afford a sufficient compensation for his labor, and add somewhat to the revenue of the Grand Lodge.

Since I last met you, I have been advised of the decease of two of the former members of your body, viz: P. G. Master Timothy Kezer, of Tennessee, a Brother who was not only highly esteemed at home, but in his conduct and character as a Representative in your body, enjoyed the confidence and friendship of his fellow-members. P. G. Master Neilson, of Maryland, one of the oldest members of the Order, to whom we were all indebted for the zeal he manifested, and the labor he undertook, to forward the interest and make known the principles of our Order, has, in the wisdom of the Grand Master of the Universe, been called to depart from the terrestrial to a habitation in the celestial Lodge. His memory will long be cherished by his Brothers of the Order. As a man, we esteemed him; as a Patriarch in the Order, we looked to him with rever-

ence and respect ; we sympathize with his family on the loss they have sustained. The Order will ever gratefully cherish his memory.

As authorized, I have, during the past year, drawn orders on the Treasurer for the salaries of the several Officers of the Grand Lodge, and to pay the expense of plate and printing cards, procured by your orders.

H. HOPKINS, *Grand Sire*.

On motion of Rep. True, of New York, it was ordered that 300 additional copies of the report be printed for the use of the Grand Representatives.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communications, received at his office during the recess, which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Petitions, to wit :

The petition and remonstrances of various P. G's of the Grand Lodge of Texas, against the acts of said Grand Lodge.

The application of Magnolia Encampment of the state of Georgia, praying a remission of dues, in consequence of losses by fire sustained by said Encampment.

The application of Maine Lodge, No. 1, of the state of Maine, asking the decision of the Grand Lodge as to the extent of their liability for dues.

The appeal of Widows' Friend Encampment, of Virginia, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of said state.

A communication of Sabbatis Lodge, of the state of Maine, in relation to the official conduct of the late D. D. Grand Sire of that state.

Rep. Lloyd, of Georgia, presented the application of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, praying that new Charters may be issued to such of the Subordinate Lodges of that state, as have lost the original Charters granted to them by fire, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, offered the following, which was read and adopted.

Whereas, The Representative from Missouri having been instructed to obtain a Charter for a Grand Encampment, learns with regret that the petition for the same has not been duly received by the Grand Secretary, it is therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and is hereby directed to issue a Charter for a Grand Encampment in the state of Missouri, as soon as the petition shall have been received in due form.

On motion of Rep. Devotion, of Connecticut, it was ordered that the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed from day to day, and laid upon the tables of the Representatives.

Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, presented the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of that state, which were referred to a special committee of three on constitutions and laws.

The Chair named as the committee, Reps. Holden, of Maryland ; Day, of New Jersey, and Seymour, of South Carolina.

Rep. Williams, of Georgia, presented the Constitution and By-Laws of Augusta Encampment, of Georgia, which were referred to the Committee on constitutions and laws.

On motion of Rep. True, of New York, the Annual Report of the Grand Sire was referred to a select committee of three, for the purpose of

alloting the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. True, of New York ; Whittall, of Louisiana, and Magruder, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Devotion, of Connecticut, it was

Ordered, That this Grand Lodge will assemble for the transaction of business at nine o'clock A. M., and at four o'clock P. M., daily.

Rep. Dicks, of Mississippi, presented the Constitution of Choctaw Encampment, No. 2, of Mississippi, which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was concurred in :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session.

The Chair named Reps. Kneass, of Pennsylvania ; Egan, of New York, and Smith, of Maine, as the committee.

The Grand Secretary presented the Annual Reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of the Commission in the state of Maine, to adjust the unsettled accounts in said state, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Whittall, of Louisiana, presented the appeal of Crescent Lodge, of New Orleans, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the matter therein stated, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Secretary presented the petition of the Grand Lodge of Texas, praying a remission of dues, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Secretary presented various petitions for Charters for Subordinate Encampments and Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Sire, from the committee appointed for the sale of the Official Magazine, at the last session, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Official Magazine :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, appointed by virtue of a resolution passed at the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a committee with authority to receive proposals for the purchase of the Covenant upon the conditions mentioned in said resolution, as printed at page 664 of the Journal of Proceedings, to whom was given full authority and power to transfer and assign the entire interest of the Grand Lodge in said Magazine, on such terms as may be most advantageous to the interest of the Grand Lodge, and who were subsequently (vide pages 671 and 689 of the Journal of Proceedings) instructed to give the preference to Br. P. G. M. Neilson in the sale of said work, "if the terms of his offer are as favorable as those of any other bidder," report:

That immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, they caused

notice to be given by public advertisement as follows, to wit: "That sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in Gay street, Baltimore, till the 15th day of November, 1844, for the purchase of the Covenant or Official Magazine, heretofore published under the direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The purchaser will be required to publish the Covenant in the form heretofore adopted, at his own risk and expense.

"All selected or original matter, before being published, must be submitted to and approved by the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

"Applicants will state in their proposals what sum will be given for the absolute purchase of the Magazine, and also what sum will be paid for it, annually, with the privilege to surrender it to the Grand Lodge at the end of any year."

The committee received but one proposal in answer to their advertisement, and that was made by Br. Neilson, in a letter addressed to the chairman of the committee, under date of November 4th, 1844, which was in words following, viz: "My proposition is, that I will give whatever may be offered by any other or others, as a compensation to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which I believe was the intention of the resolution passed at the late Communication."

This being so indefinite, the chairman addressed a letter to Br. Neilson, dated November 28th, asking him to state "what was the compensation he offered, and what were the terms and conditions on which he expected to receive the transfer."

In reply, by letter, dated December 3d, 1844, Br. Neilson says: "It is not to be supposed that I should place any value upon that on which no other individual places any, for in that light must I view the absence of any proposition to purchase the late Official Magazine. If, however, a pecuniary compensation is expected, I have none to offer, but will consent to continue it as the Official Magazine upon my own responsibility, under the supervision of the Grand Secretary, providing we can come to terms as to compensation, but not otherwise."

On the 27th of December, 1844, the committee, by its chairman, addressed a letter to Br. Neilson, stating that "we, as a committee, had no authority to present the Official Magazine to any one." Under date of 27th December, 1844, the chairman received a letter from Br. Neilson, making an offer in words following: "Upon reflection, I deem it most advisable to settle the question of the Official Magazine with the committee by a direct offer, which I now make, of the sum of fifty dollars, for all the right, title, and interest of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., in and to the work, in compliance and upon the principles of the resolutions of that body, at its late Annual Communication."

Upon the receipt of this letter, the chairman, after consulting his colleagues, notified Br. Neilson, by letter, dated 15th January, 1845, "That the committee were ready to transfer to him the entire interest of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the Magazine, subject to the conditions mentioned in the resolution on page 664 of the Journal of Proceedings, authorizing the sale, viz: That it shall "be published on the sole responsibility of the purchaser;" and secondly, "that all original and selected matter for the Magazine shall be submitted to the supervision and control

of the Grand Corresponding Secretary." This letter was delivered to Br. Neilson by the Grand Corresponding Secretary in person; who, after reading it, peremptorily abandoned the work, but declared he would conduct it as a private periodical, using the title of "Covenant" on the cover. His reason for this, your committee have understood to be a disinclination to comply with the condition stipulating that all original and selected matter for the Magazine should be submitted to the supervision and control of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

Under the determination thus expressed, Br. Neilson, without consulting with, or authority from the committee, continued to publish the work until his decease, and the August number announces that his widow will continue to publish it.

The committee, without any comment, submit the foregoing statement of facts in relation to the matter placed under their care.

Recently, the committee have received information that a Brother of the Order, residing in Baltimore, is desirous of negotiating for the purchase of the work. Under the circumstances, the committee have deemed it advisable to submit the whole matter to the Grand Lodge, for its direction thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOPKINS.

WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that state, which was referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers, and the same Representatives as at the morning session.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last Session, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

Proposed amendment to Article XIV. of the Constitution, on page 648.

Proposed amendment to Article I. of the Constitution, on page 648.

Resolution of Rep. Treadwell, of New York, on page 648.

Proposed amendment to Article X. of the Constitution, on page 669.

Proposition to amend the By-Laws, (offered by Rep. Smith, of Maine,) on page 680.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution, (offered by Rep. Chapin, of Massachusetts,) on page 692.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution, (offered by Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania,) on page 692.

Proposed amendment to Article XVII. of the Constitution, on page 695.

HORN R. KNEASS,
DAVID D. EGAN,
WM. R. SMITH.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the first proposed amendment contained in the report of the committee, to wit:

To add after the words "each Grand Lodge," first line, Article XIV. of the Constitution, the words "and each Grand Encampment;" and after the words "who shall have received the R. P. Degree," add the words "or a P. Grand Patriarch."

Rep. Thompson, of Maryland, called for a division of the question, and the question being put on the first branch of the proposed amendment, it was agreed to and adopted by a constitutional majority, as a part of the Constitution. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, True, Egan, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whitall, Day, Holmes, Hinkle, Ford, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Croswell, Brittan, Davis, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Philbrick, Montgomery, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris, Robbins—41.

NAYS—0.

The question recurring on the second branch of the proposition, the same was rejected, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Ford, Churchill—2.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Egan, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whitall, Day, Holmes, Hinkle, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Croswell, Brittan, Davis, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Philbrick, Montgomery, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris, Robbins, and P. G. Sire Kennedy—40.

The next subject of deferred business reported was considered, to wit:

Amend Article I. of the Constitution, that the words "such consent, however, not being necessary, in a case when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment," be inserted in the nineteenth line of Article I. of the Constitution, after the words "Lodge or Grand Encampment."

The yeas and nays being required, were as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Egan, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whitall, Day, Holmes, Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Croswell, Brittan, Davis, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Montgomery, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Robinson, Devotion, Morris, Robbins, and P. G. Sire Kennedy—44.

NAYS.—Rep. Philbrick—1

So the proposed amendment was agreed to, and forms a part of the Constitution.

The next subject of deferred business being the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, was considered :

Amend Article X. of Constitution, (in form of certificate,) by inserting before the words "date hereof," the words "third Monday of September next ensuing the."

The yeas and nays being called for, appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Egan, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Hinkle, Ford, Williams, Smith, Deering, Marley, McGowan, Robbins—14.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Day, Holmes, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Crosswell, Brittan, Davis, Williamson, Lloyd, White, 2 votes ; Philbrick, Montgomery, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris—27.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

The next subject was considered, being proposed amendment to the Constitution, as follows :

"Any member of the Order shall have the right of appeal from the decision of any subordinate Lodge, or state Grand Lodge by which he is aggrieved, to this Grand Lodge."

The yeas and nays being taken, appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Egan, True—2.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Day, Holmes, Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Crosswell, Brittan, Davis, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes ; Philbrick, Montgomery, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris, Robbins, and P. G. Sire Kennedy—41.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

The next question of deferred business was considered, being the following proposed amendment to the Constitution :

"Any Brother aggrieved by the Lodge or Grand Lodge to which he belongs, shall have the right of appeal to this Grand Lodge, provided the assent of the said Grand Lodge be first had and obtained."

The yeas and nays being taken, appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Parmenter, Drew, Egan, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Dicks, Crosswell, Brittan, Smith, Deering, Philbrick, Montgomery, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill—20.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Day, Holmes, Brown, of Indiana, Forbes, Davis, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, White, 2 votes ; Marley, McGowan, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris, Robbins—22.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

The next subject of deferred business was the following proposed amendment to the Constitution :

"Article XVII. of the Constitution, by inserting after the words, "if seconded," the words, "and a majority of the members present approve."

The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Egan, Day, Holmes, Ford, Forbes, Williamson, Marley, Morris—10.

NAYS.—Reps. Parmenter, Drew, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Hinkle, McCabe, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Croswell, Brittan, Davis, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes ; Philbrick, Montgomery, McGowan, Marley, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Devotion, Robbins—32.

So the amendment was rejected.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, seconded by Rep. Holmes, of New Jersey, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table :

Constitution, Article X. (in form of certificate,) by striking out the words “for the period of one year from the date hereof,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words, “from and including the third Monday in September next, to the third Monday in September thereafter.”

The Grand Corresponding Secretary submitted the following, being his Annual Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned has the honor to present, as directed by law, the Annual Report of this department. The various subjects of duty enjoined upon the Grand Secretary at the last session are comprised within the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments which have not complied with the resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 21st of September, 1843, requiring certain returns, in order to enable the Grand Secretary to make up a “Numerical Register,” be and are hereby required to make the said returns without further unnecessary delay.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Grand Officers to furnish such subordinate Lodges or Encampments hereafter chartered by this Grand Lodge, with a copy of the present volume of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and also to each subordinate Lodge or Encampment at present under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in any state, district, or territory where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, and for that purpose, that the Grand Secretary subscribe for fifty copies extra of the Proceedings as published by McGowan & Treadwell.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed two hundred copies of the Diploma.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have the discretionary power during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to have printed, from time to time, such number of copies of the Diploma as may be for the interest of the Grand Lodge, and as in his judgment may be deemed requisite to the demand.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to present to each of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a copy of the first, second, and third editions of the Covenant and Official Magazine.

5. *Resolved*, That the balance of the copies be bound in cheap form, and sold at the sum of one dollar per copy.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to forward bills to all Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, indebted to this Grand Lodge, with an earnest request that they immediately forward the amount.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts, embracing the entire financial matters of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be made out annually by said officers in account current forms, printed, and present with vouchers on the first day of the Annual Session.

Resolved, That to enable the Grand Secretary to comply effectually with the foregoing resolution, that the D. D. Grand Sires, Secretaries, and Scribes, be required to report quarterly with their financial reports, particularly designating what Lodge or Encampment is to be credited.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to cause a suitable plate of the Cards of Clearance and Visiting Cards, to be engraved, and that the state Grand Lodges and Encampments be furnished with said cards at cost, and that no state Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have a right to print said cards after 1st January next.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish blank printed forms for returns for the use of Grand and Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that he be directed to transmit them by mail or otherwise, to the Officers of the different bodies in time to receive seasonable and correct returns.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure one thousand copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, under the direction of the committee appointed to contract for the printing of the Charge books.

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to have five hundred copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge printed.

During the recess, the Grand Corresponding Secretary has received some additional returns upon the subject of a Numerical Register, in obedience to the order of September session, 1843, and reiterated by resolution of the last session. I regret again to report that the list still remains incomplete—the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee, the Province of Canada, and the Republic of Texas, having omitted to furnish reports as directed by the resolutions referred to. I have also to regret that the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, with but few exceptions, have failed to continue their reports of new Lodges and Encampments, as they are respectively created, conformably to the requisition of September session, 1843.

Under these circumstances, the preparation of a Numerical Register of all the Lodges and Encampments under your jurisdiction must be again deferred, awaiting a full return from the states.

Notwithstanding the publicity which has been given to this subject, through the Journal, and by means of circular from this office, it is believed that all the subordinates may not have had notice, and the undersigned suggests, that during the ensuing year, by the aid of D. D. Grand Sires, the wishes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in this particular, will be gratified.

The duties prescribed in the second resolution have been discharged. By authority of the third resolution, an edition of one thousand copies of Diplomas were printed soon after the last session, nearly the whole of which would have been sold, but for the impracticability of obtaining the signatures of the Grand Officers to these instruments, in consequence of their distance from the seat of government. It is respectfully suggested that the interest of the Grand Lodge would be much promoted by a modification of the existing law, which requires the signatures of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to these documents.

As directed in the fourth resolution, a copy of the Covenant and Official Magazine has been furnished to each of the Grand Representatives of the last session. The fifth resolution directs that the balance of copies *be bound in cheap form*, and sold at the price of one dollar per copy. The

Grand Corresponding Secretary, upon inquiry, learned that binding in the cheapest form could not be had for less than ten cents per copy, and believing that it was the design of the resolution that the work should yield the sum of one dollar per volume nett to the Grand Lodge of the United States, determined to offer the same for sale in pamphlet form at that price, leaving the matter of binding to the discretion and cost of the purchaser. This course was adopted from two considerations—first, from an apprehension that binding in a cheap form would not assist the sale of the work; and secondly, that the expense of binding would tax very considerably its value, if the entire unsold edition, consisting of a large number of the first and second volumes, were bound in such style. According to this conclusion, the Grand Corresponding Secretary advertised for sale, upon the cover of the October number, 1844, of the Covenant, the balance of the copies of that work on hand, at one dollar per copy, designing to sell them in the pamphlet form in which they were published. Brs. John W. Bull and R. W. Glass, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, became the purchasers upon the terms of the advertisement, and in order to enable the undersigned to comply with the contract, it became necessary to cause a reprint of five hundred copies of Volume III., which, by reason of the limited issue for that year, had become exhausted. This being done, the purchasers were invested with the absolute right of property in the entire unsold edition, and five hundred copies were placed to their account, with the preferred right to the balance upon the same terms. Three hundred copies were forwarded to the address of the purchasers, at their instance, and two hundred retained, subject to their order. Shortly after this period, the Grand Corresponding Secretary was advised by the purchasers, that, having learned that the Grand Lodge had, by resolution, directed the sale of the work in *cheap binding*, they considered themselves entitled to receive it in such form, or to an equivalent discount upon the price. The undersigned declined a compliance with this request, and respectfully referred the Brethren to the Grand Lodge. To this suggestion they assented, and a modification to that effect was made in the original contract, by which the purchasers agreed to receive the three hundred copies which had been forwarded, at one dollar per copy, with the reservation of applying to the Grand Lodge at its present session for the reduction claimed. The terms of sale were one-third in cash, and the residue in twelve and eighteen months, with interest from 1st January, 1845, to be secured by endorsed notes, to be approved by the Grand Representatives of Kentucky. These terms have been complied with, and I have the pleasure to acknowledge myself much indebted to Grand Representatives Fonda and Hinkle, for their valuable and prompt services in consummating the sale and remitting the proceeds to this department.

The sixth resolution has been strictly complied with.

The undersigned confesses that the order comprised in the seventh resolution, “that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer’s accounts, embracing the entire financial matters of the Grand Lodge, shall be made annually by said officers, in *account current forms*, printed and presented, with vouchers, on the first day of the Annual Session,” has not been distinctly understood by him, and he has therefore preferred to render his fiscal account in the simple and perfectly intelligible form provided by for-

mer laws. There are no accounts current whatever subsisting between the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. They are independent officers, and the duties of each are separate and distinct. The Grand Secretary is the mere recipient of moneys transmitted by the subordinates, for the purpose of awarding appropriate credits, and filing away the evidence of the amount of indebtedness discharged; his duty is, in the language of the law, "*forthwith* to pay all moneys which he may receive to the Grand Treasurer, and to receive his proper voucher for the same, and to report to the Grand Lodge all amounts so received, from what source, and for what object." Until the further pleasure of the Grand Lodge upon this subject is made known, my report is now made as formerly. In order, however, to meet the object of the Committee on Finance, in the resolution referred to, to wit, to facilitate their examination of the accounts of this office, the Grand Corresponding Secretary has registered each item of charge, by a reference to a corresponding number of credit with the Treasurer, by which much time may be saved to the Committee on Finance in the performance of their duty.

In conformity with the eighth resolution, I have the honor to report, that early after the adjournment of the last session a contract was made with Br. J. Hufty, an engraver of the city of Philadelphia, for two steel plate engravings of the forms of Final and Visiting Cards, and for printing ten thousand copies of the two. The price contracted to be paid was, two hundred dollars for the plates, and four dollars per hundred copies for the paper and printing. The plates were completed, and the cards supplied by the 1st January, 1845. The cost of this edition, including the plates and the adaptation of the seal of the Grand Lodge for the use of the Grand Sire's and Grand Corresponding Secretary's official correspondence, was six hundred and twenty-five dollars, and the cards were accordingly issued to the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, at the rate of six and one-fourth cents each. The whole of the first supply of cards was exhausted very soon after its receipt, and it became necessary to direct the engraver, from time to time, to print cards, as the demand for them continued. This course was pursued until the close of the month of June last, when the account of the engraver was solicited by the undersigned, and rendered, by which it appeared that the number of cards supplied by him amounted to fifty-three thousand and seventy-six, at a cost of two thousand three hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty cents. In addition to this number, an edition of five thousand has been since printed in this city, all of which have been disposed of by the Grand Corresponding Secretary. Complaints having been made of the price charged, by several of the Grand Lodges, the undersigned, in reply, informed the parties, that the price fixed was at the cost per contract of the plates and first edition, and that the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which had received their supply from that edition, having been charged at that rate, the Grand Corresponding Secretary could not, with any propriety, under the circumstances, vary the charge until the Grand Lodge should meet and establish a permanent price. This course was due, as well to considerations of the injustice of discriminating between the Grand Lodges and Encampments who had been furnished out of the second edition, and those who had been charged at the cost of the first edition, as to the fact

that the agency which the Grand Lodge of the United States had assumed had been undertaken by that body without any kind of conception of the great amount of additional labor and responsibility which it imposed upon its Officers; for which, as well as for many incidental expenses to which it subjected the Grand Lodge, it was believed that the small difference of two and a quarter cents in the cost of the two editions furnished by Br. Hufty, would barely indemnify the Grand Lodge against loss, and would, in view of the great benefit conferred upon the Order at large, in the production and establishment of a uniform card throughout the jurisdiction, be cheerfully submitted to. I have now the pleasure of informing the Grand Lodge that hereafter it will be in the power of the Grand Corresponding Secretary to supply these cards at a lower rate. A contract has been made, through the aid of the Grand Messenger, in Baltimore, by which they will be supplied to this department at two and a half cents each; and I respectfully recommend, in furtherance of the views above expressed, as to the additional amount of labor and responsibility which this undertaking, for the benefit of the Order, superinduces, that the sum of four cents be fixed as the price of cards to state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. At this rate, a small margin will be left to the credit of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by which it will be enabled, without loss, to keep the plates in proper order, and incur other incidental expenses inseparable from this agency.

Blank printed forms have been furnished as directed in the ninth resolution, to the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, in ample season, to enable them to make correct returns. The tenth and eleventh resolutions have also been complied with, which conclude the duties enjoined upon the undersigned, by the various orders of the last session.

In obedience to the resolution of 1844, directing "that the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Lodge, in his Annual Report, with a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amount due to and by it, and a statement of all Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which may not have reported; said report to be made up to within two weeks of the Annual Session of this body;" I herewith present Documents A, B, C, D, being a detailed statement of these various subjects. I have to reiterate the expression of my sincere regret that my great desire to bring before the Grand Lodge, at its Annual Session, a full view of its fiscal affairs, over and again adverted to and urged upon the Representatives, and approved by them, has not yet been met in a corresponding spirit by all the state Grand Lodges and Encampments, or by all of the D. D. Grand Sires. At the last session, the Committee on Finance, upon the suggestion of this department, recommended, and the Grand Lodge passed an order prescribing a fiscal year, making it the imperative duty of its subordinates to conform their reports to that period, and directing the D. D. Grand Sires to report *quarterly* with the dues in hand, *particularly* designating what Lodges or Encampments were to be credited.

No means within his reach were left unemployed by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in causing this law to be generally known and respected. It was published at the end of the Journal, in a distinct form of notice; a circular, enclosing the account of each Grand Lodge and

Grand Encampment, was forwarded in due season from this office, accompanied with a special request that their reports should be made before the 30th day of June ultimo; yet all have not conformed, and the undersigned is unable to present a full abstract of the real state of your finances. I once more, with great deference, respectfully and earnestly recommend this subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. It is urged, in some instances, as a reason for non-compliance with this salutary law, that the Quarterly Sessions of some of the state Grand Lodges and Encampments take place after the 30th June, and that therefore it is impracticable for such Grand Lodges to have their Annual Reports in the hands of the Grand Corresponding Secretary by the termination of the fiscal year. To remove this apparent difficulty, it is suggested that one of two expedients may be adopted by the Grand Lodge, to wit: either to provide by law for uniform Stated and Quarterly Sessions of the Grand Lodges and Encampments, at such periods as would allow to them ample means of obtaining reports from their subordinates in proper time, or to require that the Annual Reports shall be made up to the end of the quarter preceding the termination of the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and be transmitted, accompanied with the dues, to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, under a penalty, in the form of a fine to be charged to and collected from delinquent Grand Lodges and Encampments, in the same manner as all other dues are ordinarily collected, and subject to the same disabilities for non-payment as are now provided in case of arrearages to the Grand Lodge of the United States. This is an important subject. I have on this, as on former occasions, brought it to the notice of the Representatives, in the hope that such a system of prompt and regular returns might be established as would enable the Grand Corresponding Secretary to present in his Annual Report, not only a full and accurate account of the fiscal relations of this body, but also a correct statement of the progressive increase of the Order. I venture again to ask the further aid of the Grand Lodge in devising effectual means of insuring returns from all its subordinates within the fiscal year.

In compliance with the order requiring the Grand Corresponding Secretary "to pay over all moneys received by him in the vacation, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source, and for what object," the undersigned respectfully presents the following statement of the receipts of his office during the fiscal year of 1844--5. Herewith is also appended a supplementary statement showing the receipts of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from what source, and for what object, since the termination of the fiscal year (30th June) and the commencement of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge; the various sums received have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, vouchers for which accompany this report.

Statement of Receipts of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1844, and terminating June 30, 1845.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—PLACES—STATES.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1844. Sept. 19,	Wonolanset Encamp., Manchester N. H. -	Disp'n.	\$30 00	A
" 21,	Grand Encamp. of S. C. Charleston, S. C. -	"	30 00	B
Oct. 2,	Mount Pisgah Encamp., Georgetown, D. C. -	"	30 00	C
" 15,	Hobart Encamp., Saco, Maine -	"	30 00	S
" 21,	Pine Encamp., Fayetteville, North Carolina -	"	30 00	D
"	Pinecook Encamp., New Hampshire -	"	30 00	E
"	Quorheco Encamp., Dover, New Hampshire -	"	30 00	F
Nov. 22,	Choctaw Encamp., Jackson, Mississippi -	"	30 00	G
Dec. 3,	Sagadahock Encamp., Bath, Maine -	"	30 00	H
" 22,	Green Mountain Lodge, Burlington, Vt. -	"	30 00	I
" 24,	Illinois Encamp., Chicago, Illinois -	"	30 00	J
1845. Jan. 20,	Miners' Lodge, Mineral Point, Wisconsin -	"	30 00	K
" 28,	Harmony Lodge, Dubuque, Iowa -	"	30 00	L
Feb. 14,	Augusta Encamp., Augusta, Georgia -	"	30 00	M
" 20,	Churchill Encamp., Thomaston, Maine -	"	30 00	N
April 1,	Grand Encamp. of Maine, Portland, Maine -	"	30 00	O
" 29,	Bethlehem Encamp., Lawrence, Indiana -	"	30 00	P
June 2,	Grand Encamp. of S. C., Charleston, S. C. -	"	30 00	Q
" 6,	Stewart Encamp., Hannibal, Missouri -	"	30 00	R
"	Border Camp, Eastport Maine -	"	30 00	T
" 11,	——— Lodge, No. 4, Fairfield, Iowa -	"	30 00	U
" 23,	Franklin Encamp., Macon, Georgia -	"	30 00	V
"	Marshall Encamp., Marshall, Michigan -	"	30 00	W
	Total for Dispensations -	-	\$690 00	
1844. Sept. 19,	Massasoit Encamp., Boston, Massachusetts	Dues.	\$61 40	1
"	Tremont Encamp., Boston, Massachusetts -	"	36 37	1
"	Monomakee Encamp., W. Cambridge, Mass. -	"	19 92	1
"	Bunker Hill Encamp., Charlestown, Mass. -	"	19 63	1
"	Granite Lodge, Nashua, New Hampshire -	"	9 31	1
" 20,	Hochelaga Encamp., Montreal, Canada -	"	13 97	2
"	Queen's Lodge, Montreal Canada -	"	46 23	2
" 25,	Ridgely Encamp., Nashville, Tennessee -	"	7 00	3
"	Prince of Wales Lodge, Montreal, Canada -	"	47 00	4
"	Milwaukie Lodge, Milwaukie, Wisconsin -	"	52 00	5
Oct. 21,	Michigan Lodge, Detroit, Michigan -	"	28 31	6
"	Wayne Lodge, Detroit, Michigan -	"	16 11	6
"	Pontiac Lodge, Pontiac, Michigan -	"	13 62	6
"	Jackson Lodge, Jackson, Michigan -	"	6 70	6
"	Peninsula Lodge, Marshall, Michigan -	"	11 25	6
"	Massasoit Camp, Boston, Mass. -	"	15 45	7
"	Tremont Encamp., Boston, Mass. -	"	31 30	7
"	Menotomy Encamp., W. Cambridge, Mass. -	"	2 40	7
"	Bunker Hill Encamp., Charlestown, Mass. -	"	1 30	7
"	Eagle Lodge, Providence, Rhode Island -	"	43 79	7
"	White Mountain Lodge, Concord, N. H. -	"	17 47	7
Dec. 13,	Granite Lodge, Nashua, N. H. -	"	22 80	8
"	Hillsboro' Lodge, Manchester, N. H. -	"	12 27	8
"	Wecohamet Lodge, Dover, N. H. -	"	13 90	8
"	Washington Lodge, Somersworth, N. H. -	"	15 90	8
"	Piscataqua Lodge, Portsmouth, N. H. -	"	21 03	8
1845. Jan. 20,	Friendly Union Lodge, Providence, R. I. -	"	26 38	8
"	Prince of Wales Lodge, Montreal, Canada -	"	27 28	9
" 28,	Prince Albert Lodge, Montreal, Canada -	"	18 67	10

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—PLACES—STATES.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Feb. 14,	Kennedy Lodge, Black Creek, E. Florida -	Dues.	\$3 50	11
"	Florida Lodge, Jackson, East Florida -	"	3 58	11
"	Kennedy Lodge, Black Creek, E. Florida -	"	3 50	11
"	Florida Lodge, Jackson, East Florida -	"	8 97	11
" 20,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Potosi, Wisconsin -	"	22 00	12
"	Abram Encampment, Wheeling, Virginia -	"	22 50	13
Mar. 10,	Marshall Encamp., Marshall, Michigan -	"	8 00	14
" 11,	Washington Encamp., Columbia, Tennessee -	"	8 40	15
"	Gayosa Encampment, Memphis, Tennessee -	"	30 00	15
" 15,	Eastern Star Encampment, Portland, Maine -	"	37 20	16
" 17,	Milwaukie Lodge, Milwaukie, Wisconsin -	"	9 00	17
" 24,	Magnolia Encampment, Savannah, Georgia -	"	8 76	18
"	Ocmulgee Encampment, Macon, Georgia -	"	13 65	18
"	Chattahoochie Encamp., Columbus, Ga. -	"	10 02	18
April 8,	Narraganset Encamp., Providence, R. I. -	"	35 06	19
" 10,	Sagamore Encampment, Augusta, Maine -	"	30 00	20
" 26,	Machigonne Encampment, Portland, Maine -	"	49 20	21
" 29,	Wilkey Encampment, Madison, Indiana -	"	15 60	22
May 29,	Washington Lodge, Burlington, Iowa -	"	18 00	23
June 2,	Penobscot Lodge, Bangor, Maine -	"	47 88	24
"	Kenduoqueag Lodge, Bangor, Maine -	"	11 81	24
" 13,	Florida Lodge, Jackson, East Florida -	"	11 10	38
"	Kennedy Lodge, Black Creek, East Florida -	"	2 25	38
"	Franklin Encampment, Macon, Georgia -	"	7 25	39
" 23,	Cushnoc Lodge, Augusta, Maine -	"	10 50	40
"	Pigepscot Lodge, Brunswick, Maine -	"	7 68	40
"	Natanis Lodge, Gardiner, Maine -	"	30 20	40
"	Sabattis Lodge, Augusta, Maine -	"	79 55	41
Total for Dues - - -			\$1206 93	
1844. Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, New Haven -	Books.	\$12 00	25
1845. Jan. 29,	Do. Pennsylvania, Philadelphia -	"	30 00	26
April 1,	Do. Alabama, Mobile -	"	8 00	27
" 15,	Do. Michigan, Detroit -	"	32 00	28
" 29,	Do. Indiana, Madison -	"	56 00	29
May 8,	Do. D. of Colum., Washington -	"	9 00	30
" 14,	Do. Rhode Island, Providence -	"	15 00	31
" 30,	Do. Maine, Portland -	"	96 00	32
June 4,	Do. S. Carolina, Charleston -	"	30 00	33
"	Do. do do -	"	45 00	34
" 6,	Do. Missouri, St. Louis -	"	60 00	35
"	Do. Mississippi, Natchez -	"	6 00	36
" 9,	Do. Pennsylvania, Philadelphia -	"	34 00	37
Total for Books - - -			\$133 00	
April 1,	Grand Lodge of Alabama, Mobile -	Diplomas	\$22 50	44
" 8,	D. D. G. Sire Guild -	"	6 50	45
" 14,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Providence -	"	9 00	54
June 6,	Do. Mississippi, Natchez -	"	14 25	62
Total for Diplomas - - -			\$52 25	
Jan. 29,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia -	Cards.	\$62 50	42
Feb. 11,	Grand Encampment of Conn., New Haven -	"	12 50	43
April 9,	Illinois Encampment, Chicago, Illinois -	"	7 82	46

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—PLACES—STATES.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. April 15,	Grand Lodge of Michigan - - -	Cards.	\$18 75	47
" 26,	Duane Lodge, Chicago, Illinois - -	"	6 25	48
"	Michigan Encampment, Detroit, Michigan -	"	12 50	49
May 8,	Grand Lodge of D. of Columbia, Washington	"	90 63	52
" 14,	Do. Rhode Island, Providence -	"	150 00	53
" 22,	Cash - - - - -	"	6 25	55
" 30,	Grand Lodge of Maine, Portland, - -	"	93 75	56
June 2,	Do. Kentucky, Louisville, - -	"	56 25	58
" 4,	Do. S. Carolina, Charleston - -	"	62 50	60
" 9,	Do. Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	"	187 50	63
" 13,	D. D. G. Sire Parsons - - -	"	46 88	66
	Total for Cards - - -	-	\$804 08	
April 29,	Grand Lodge of Indiana, Madison, 1844 -	Re. Tax.	\$20 00	50
May 8,	Do. D. of Colum., Washington	"	20 00	51
" 30,	Do. Maine, Portland - -	"	20 00	57
June 2,	Grand Encamp. of S. Carolina, 1842-3-4 -	"	60 00	59
" 6,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, 1844 - -	"	20 00	61
" 9,	Do. Pennsylvania, Phila., 1845 -	"	40 00	64
"	Grand Encamp. of Pennsylvania, Phila. 1845	"	20 00	65
" 23,	Grand Lodge of Maine, Portland, 1844 -	"	20 00	67
	Total for Rep. Tax - - -	-	\$220 00	
" 2,	Messrs. Bull & Glass - - -	Covenant.	\$296 37	130
	Do. - - - - -	"	600 00	
	Total for Covenant - - -	-	\$896 37	
	Sum Total - - - - -	-	\$4211 63	

Supplementary Statement, shewing the receipts by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, after the termination of the fiscal year, (30th June, 1845)

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—PLACES—STATES.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Aug. 13,	Pioneer Lodge of England, Stockport, Eng. -	Dispensa.	\$30 00	95
Sept. 2,	Grand Encamp. of New Hampshire, Concord	"	30 00	121
"	Vermont Lodge, Montpelier, Vermont -	"	30 00	122
"	Moshassuck Encampment, Providence, R. I.	"	30 00	123
" 9,	Stadacona Encampment, Quebec, Canada -	"	30 00	131
"	Grand Encampment of Missouri, St. Louis -	"	30 00	142
" 12,	Black Warrior Encamp., Tuscaloosa, Ala. -	"	30 00	175
"	St. Paul's Encampment, Montgomery, Ala.	"	30 00	
	Total for Dispensations - - -	-	\$240 00	
July 8,	Georgian Lodge, Maine - - -	Dues.	\$13 00	68
" 12,	Ligonia Lodge, Portland, Maine - -	"	85 30	69
"	Michigan Encampment, Detroit, Michigan	"	21 44	69
"	Marshall Encampment, Marshall, Mich. -	"	5 47	69
" 17,	Milwaukie Lodge, Milwaukie, Wisconsin -	"	41 07	72
"	Eastern Star Encampment, Portland, Me. -	"	35 20	73
" 20,	Wilkey Encampment, New Orleans, La. -	"	19 54	75
"	Louisiana Encamp., Bayou Sara, Louisiana	"	10 30	76
" 21,	Florida Lodge, Black Creek, East Florida -	"	10 99	77

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—PLACES—STATES.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. July 21,	Ocmulgee Encampment, Macon, Georgia -	Dues.	\$5 75	78
" "	Franklin Encampment, Macon, Georgia -	"	8 42	79
" 29,	Illinois Encampment, Chicago, Illinois -	"	28 64	82
Aug. 5,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Potosi, Wisconsin -	"	17 00	88
" 11,	Wilkey Encampment, Natchez, Mississippi -	"	14 80	92
" "	Choctaw Encamp., Jackson, Mississippi -	"	6 15	93
" "	Augusta Encampment, Augusta, Georgia -	"	37 07	94
" 19,	Vermont Lodge, Montpelier, Vermont -	"	27 49	97
" 20,	Gayosa Encampment, Memphis, Tennessee -	"	19 90	98
" "	Ridgely Encampment, Nashville, Tennessee -	"	4 56	100
" 25,	Columbia Encamp., Washington, D. C. -	"	63 59	102
" "	Mount Pisgah Encamp., Georgetown, D. C. -	"	32 73	103
" "	Mount Ararat Encamp., Mobile, Ala. -	"	18 00	108
" "	Bethlehem Encamp., Lawrence, Indiana -	"	6 00	109
" "	Frontier Encampment, Weston, Missouri -	"	9 00	110
" "	Campbell Encamp., Wilmington, N. C. -	"	14 50	111
" 28,	Marley Encampment, Alexandria, D. C. -	"	21 88	112
Sept. 2,	Nashoonow Encampment, Nashua, N. H. -	"	12 60	115
" "	Wonolanset Encamp., Manchester, N. H. -	"	9 94	116
" "	Penacoke Encamp., Concord, N. H. -	"	20 50	117
" "	Quochecho Encampment, Dover, N. H. -	"	54 00	118
" "	Strawberry Bank Encamp., S. Bank, N. H. -	"	28 47	119
" "	Narraganset Encamp., Providence, R. I. -	"	95 67	120
" 5,	Washington Lodge, Burlington, Iowa -	"	18 13	125
" "	Harmony Lodge, Dubuque, Iowa -	"	19 25	126
" "	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Potosi, Wisconsin -	"	13 00	127
" 9,	Hochelaga Encamp., Montreal, Canada -	"	12 65	132
" "	Wilkey Encamp., Madison, Indiana -	"	8 50	139
" "	Wilkey Encamp., St. Louis, Missouri -	"	11 25	145
" 13,	Miners' Lodge, Mineral Point, Iowa -	"	13 62	175
" "	Commissioners of Maine - - -	"	686 50	174
Total for Dues - - -			\$1581 87	
July 26,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, Baltimore -	Books.	15 50	80
" 30,	Do. Connecticut, New Haven -	"	20 00	83
Aug. 11,	Do. Mississippi, Natchez -	"	24 00	90
" 25,	Do. Alabama, Mobile -	"	12 00	106
Sept. 9,	Grand Encamp. of New Jersey, Newark -	"	28 00	135
" "	Grand Encamp. of Pennsylvania, Phila. -	"	36 00	146
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Ohio, Cincinnati -	"	90 00	154
" 12,	Grand Encamp. of New York, New York -	"	30 00	156
" "	Grand Lodge of New York, New York -	"	202 50	157
" "	Do. Massachusetts, Boston -	"	225 50	170
" "	Grand Encamp. of Connecticut, New Haven -	"	5 00	173
" "	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, New Haven -	"	9 00	160
" "	Grand Encamp. of Massachusetts, Boston -	"	34 00	172
Total for Books - - -			\$731 50	
Aug. 11,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Natchez -	Diplomas	\$9 00	91
Sept. 9,	Do. Kentucky, Louisville -	"	39 75	130
" "	Do. Tennessee, Nashville -	"	10 00	134
" 12,	W. P. Saunders, Ohio - - -	"	25 00	159
Total for Diplomas - - -			\$83 75	

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—PLACES—STATES.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
July 26,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, Baltimore -	Cards.	\$100 00	81
" 30,	Do. Connecticut, New Haven -	"	234 38	84
"	Grand Encamp. of Connecticut, New Haven -	"	31 25	85
Aug. 20,	Gayosa Encamp., Memphis, Tennessee -	"	6 25	99
"	Ridgely Encamp., Nashville, Tennessee -	"	6 25	101
" 25,	Grand Lodge of Alabama, Mobile -	"	50 00	105
"	Mount Pisgah Encamp., Georgetown, D. C. -	"	7 81	104
Sept. 2,	D. D. G. Sire Guild, - - - -	"	17 50	124
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Indiana, Madison -	"	93 77	137
"	Wilkey Encamp., Madison, Indiana -	"	9 38	140
"	Grand Lodge of Missouri, St. Louis -	"	47 00	143
"	Grand Encamp. of Pennsylvania, Phila. -	"	18 75	147
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Ohio, Cincinnati -	"	70 00	153
"	Do. Massachusetts, Boston -	"	231 25	170
"	Grand Encamp. of Massachusetts -	"	93 75	172
" 13,	Grand Lodge of Maine, Portland, -	"	137 50	174
Total for Cards - - - -			\$1154 84	
July 12,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, Balt., 1845. -	Re. Tax.	\$10 00	70
"	Grand Encamp. of Maryland, Balt., 1845 -	"	20 00	71
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, N. Orleans, 1845 -	"	20 00	74
" 30,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, New Haven -	"	40 00	86
"	Grand Encamp. of Connecticut, N. Haven -	"	20 00	87
Aug. 11,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Natchez -	"	20 00	89
" 13,	Grand Encampment of New York, - -	"	40 00	96
" 25,	Grand Lodge of Alabama, Mobile -	"	20 00	107
" 29,	Do. Kentucky, Louisville, -	"	20 00	113
"	Grand Encamp. of Kentucky, Louisville -	"	20 00	114
Sept. 5,	Grand Lodge of D. of Columbia, Washington -	"	20 00	128
" 9,	Do. Tennessee, Nash., 1841-2-3 -	"	60 00	133
"	Grand Encamp. of N. Jersey, Newark, 1845 -	"	20 00	135
"	Grand Lodge of Virginia, Richmond, 1845 -	"	40 00	136
"	Do. Indiana, Madison, 1845 -	"	20 00	138
"	Do. New Jersey, Newark -	"	40 00	141
"	Do. Missouri, St. Louis -	"	20 00	144
"	Do. Rhode Island, Providence -	"	40 00	148
"	Do. Maine, Portland -	"	20 00	149
" 10,	Do. New Hampshire, Concord -	"	20 00	150
"	Grand Encamp of Virginia, Richmond -	"	20 00	151
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio, Cincinnati -	"	40 00	152
" 11,	Do. New Hampshire, Concord -	"	20 00	154
"	Do. New York, N. York -	"	40 00	158
" 12,	Do. Michigan, Detroit -	"	20 00	159
"	Do. Maine, Portland -	"	20 00	160
"	Do. Georgia, Savannah -	"	40 00	160
"	Do. Massachusetts, Boston -	"	40 00	160
"	Grand Encamp. of Massachusetts, Boston -	"	20 00	172
" 13,	Grand Lodge of S. Carolina, Charleston -	"	40 00	176
Total for Rep. Tax - - - -			\$860 00	
Com'rs of Maine, for acc't of G. W. Churchill -			\$310 00	174
Total General and Supplementary Statement -			\$8993 59	

The revenue of the Grand Lodge, it will perceived, has exceeded that of the corresponding period of the last year, in the sum of three thousand two hundred and three dollars and seventy-six cents, and it is a source of great pleasure to the undersigned to inform the Representatives that the credit of the Grand Lodge continues undiminished, and its finances remain in a sound and healthy condition.

At the close of the last session the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, detailed in the report of the Committee on Finance, amounted to the sum of \$5,533 01, and the available fund in the treasury to \$3,047 75, which was appropriated; leaving a balance of \$2,485 26 as a charge upon the current receipts of the year 1844-5. Of this balance, the sum of \$1,000 consists of a special loan from Marion Lodge, of New York, which still continues, but the balance reported against the Grand Lodge has been discharged as directed by law, out of the receipts of the past year; the printing of an edition of one thousand diplomas has been also paid for, and a credit upon the account for printing cards, amounting to \$1,514 75, has been obtained. In addition to these payments, all the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, including rent, officers' salaries, stationery, &c., have been promptly liquidated as they have severally accrued, leaving a balance in the treasury on the 15th day of September, 1845, of \$4,347 47;* which, together with the ordinary receipts of the session, and the debits of subordinates, which appear by the statements accompanying this report, will constitute the assets of the Grand Lodge, subject to the claims to be audited by the Committee on Finance.

It is confidently believed that the means now at the disposal of the Grand Lodge will discharge all existing charges against the treasury, and leave that body free from monetary embarrassment. It only remains that the same prudent system of legislation, which has of late distinguished so eminently your predecessors, be continued, to insure that certain prosperity throughout our beloved institution which is inseparable from a just economy.

The undersigned now proceeds to detail such correspondence with this office and the various departments of the Order as may be worthy your notice.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.—I have to regret that no official communication has reached me from the Grand Lodge of the Principality of Wales during the year, and I am therefore without the means of affording information as to the progress of the Order in that jurisdiction. An application has been received from P. Pro. G. Master George Bolsover and seven other P. G's, residing in the city of Stockport, county palatine of Cheshire, England, praying for a warrant to open a subordinate lodge in that city, to be styled "Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, of England." The warrant was issued, and a special deputation was confided to P. G. George Colburn, of Massachusetts, and P. G. James W. Hale, of New York, both of whom were about to visit that country, to instruct the petitioners in the American Work, and to institute the lodge. I have also the pleasure to communicate to you that measures are on foot to organize a lodge in Liverpool, and I confidently indulge the hope that our system of work, eleva-

* Of this amount \$860 consist of bills believed to be undoubted.

ting as it does the moral of Odd-Fellowship, has already secured a strong foothold in Great Britain.

It is a source of unalloyed pleasure to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, that he is privileged once more to congratulate the assembled Representatives upon the high degree of prosperity of our beloved Order within your immediate jurisdiction.

Annexed is presented a condensed statement of the general state of the Order in this jurisdiction, as derived from the correspondence of this department.

CANADA.—The Grand Lodge of this Province was instituted by P. G. Master Albert Case, special deputy appointed for that purpose by the Grand Sire, and has commenced its career under the most prosperous auspices. The able report of this Deputation is herewith submitted, together with the annual return of the Grand Lodge, (the latter received August 5,) affording the gratifying intelligence that five lodges are in active operation in this Province, embodying a constituency of nearly seven hundred members. The accounts of the subordinate lodges have been all finally settled and closed with this office. Hochelaga Encampment, No. 1, of this Province, under the direction of D. D. G. Sire Charles Sewell, is in a highly prosperous condition. A Grand Representative has been elected from the Grand Lodge of Canada, who will be present at the Annual Session.

MICHIGAN.—The Grand Lodge of this state has also been duly instituted by P. G. Master Albert Case, as special Deputy, whose interesting report is also herewith presented, from which it will be seen that our Order has attained "a high rank in that state, and the character and zeal of its officers and members are sufficient to guarantee its future spread and usefulness." Marshall Encampment, No. 2, was instituted at the same time by the same deputy, at Marshall, Michigan. The accompanying report of D. D. G. Sire A. S. Kellogg, under whose charge the two Encampments of this state have been placed, indicate great zeal, energy, and promptness on his part in promoting the usefulness and harmony of this branch of the Order in Michigan, and its healthy increase.

VERMONT.—Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, and Vermont Lodge, No. 2, have been instituted, during the recess, in this state; the former on January, 14, 1845, and the latter on the 15th May, 1845, by W. H. Smith, D. D. Grand Master, of 7th District of New York, who kindly consented to act as Special Deputy on these occasions, and performed the duty in a highly satisfactory manner. His reports are herewith submitted, which present the state of the Order in this region in most glowing colors.

MAINE.—The rapid spread of Odd-Fellowship reported in this state, at the last session, continues. The Grand Lodge has covered the state with lodges, all of which progress with unexampled success. Br. Churchill having resigned his office as D. D. Grand Sire in Maine, the Patriarchal department, now embracing seven Encampments, all of which are in the highest state of prosperity, have reported directly to this office.

A special commission appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire, composed of G. Master James Pratt and R. W. G. Representative Wm. R. Smith, have audited the unsettled accounts of the late D. D. Grand Sire to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, a report of which I

have the pleasure to annex. The services rendered by these brethren, involving as they did much sacrifice of feeling, great industry, patience, and loss of time, in unravelling complicated accounts, have resulted with signal success in closing all the long unsettled relations between the Lodges and Encampments of that state and this office, and have secured to the Grand Lodge a large amount of revenue, which, although promptly paid by the Lodges and Encampments as it accrued, had not reached its proper destination. I respectfully commend the valuable services of these distinguished brethren to the attention of the Grand Representatives. The correspondence with this state has been voluminous and highly gratifying. I beg to acknowledge myself under many obligations to G. Secretary Kingsbury, for valuable aid in facilitating the relations of this department with his office.

Herewith is presented an application from all the Encampments of the state, praying a warrant for a Grand Encampment.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Language is entirely inadequate to describe with justice the brilliant position of our beloved Order in Massachusetts. Since its revival within the limits of the state, a period of about four years, the Grand Lodge has successfully asserted its claim as No. 2 in the confederation, as well in seniority as in extent of numbers. Both departments of the Order are alike prosperous beyond example, and occupy, as they well deserve, a high position in the enlightened community in which they exist.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Order in this state has increased steadily during the past year. There are now ten lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, containing eleven hundred and forty-two members, as appears by its annual return, received at this office August 7th, 1845. The Patriarchal department of the Order in New Hampshire, under the supervision of that invaluable officer, D. D. G. Sire Guild, has had a gratifying increase. An application from all the Encampments, five in number, praying a charter for a Grand Encampment, has been received and is herewith presented.

RHODE ISLAND.—I am happy to report, from information derived from G. Master Wood, of this state, that the Order is highly prosperous in Rhode Island in all its departments.

CONNECTICUT.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Connecticut (received July 29, 1845,) afford a gratifying view of the state of the Order in that state. The Grand Lodge also continues to prosper, and the highest degree of harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

NEW-YORK.—This state nobly maintains its rank as the first in strength in this jurisdiction. Every part of its extended domain is studded over with Lodges and Encampments, all of which progress in unexampled prosperity. The Report of the Grand Lodge shows the receipt of the great sum of \$123,085 29 during the past year, and a constituency of 17,000 members. I acknowledge as an act of justice the continued obligations of the Grand Corresponding Secretary to P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy and P. G. Secretary John G. Treadwell, for kind and ready assistance to him in the many instances in which their services have been asked.

NEW JERSEY.—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this state continue to augment their subordinates, and to enjoy the highest degree of prosperity.

PENNSYLVANIA.—From the Report of the Grand Lodge of this state, it appears that there have been over three thousand initiations during the last year, which doubles that of the corresponding period of the previous year. The Order has spread with great success in parts of the state in which it had been hitherto unknown, and with a continuance of the renewed energies and great zeal which appears to have animated the labors of our brethren in this great state, Odd-Fellowship is destined to plant its standard throughout its entire length and breadth. It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the prompt and attentive correspondence of G. Secretary William Curtis on all occasions.

DELAWARE.—The Order progresses in Delaware with a slow but steady and healthful step. The annual report has been made.

MARYLAND.—This Grand Lodge, I am happy to say, has had a season of great prosperity since your last meeting, as will abundantly appear by its annual report, having added nearly one thousand members to its number during the past year. The Grand Encampment report also indicates a steady increase. Maryland has been called upon during the recess to mourn the loss of one of her earliest and ablest P. Grand Masters, in the death of P. D. G. Sire ROBERT NEILSON, a Representative from the Grand Encampment of this state in this body at the time of his decease. Brother Neilson was too well known to require any eulogy—he was for many years a member of this body, its first Grand Corresponding Secretary; and his efficiency, integrity, and zeal in all his various offices in the Order were pre-eminent. He has gone down to the tomb in the midst of his days and his usefulness to his family and to society at large, beloved and lamented by all who knew him.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—To G. Secretary Calvert much praise is due for his uniform punctuality in the transmission of the annual reports of that body. The Report of the D. D. G. Sire, W. W. Moore, which has been received from that ever attentive and distinguished officer, accompanies this document, and will afford the highest gratification to the Grand Representatives, not the less from its clear and perspicuous character, than from the admirable condition in which it presents the Patriarchal Order under his jurisdiction, embracing three Encampments, returns from each of which are on file through the D. D. Grand Sire.

VIRGINIA.—Odd-Fellowship is believed to be in a progressive condition in this state, but the undersigned has to regret that he is without advices from Virginia during the past year.

NORTH CAROLINA.—I have had no correspondence during the past year with the officers of the Grand Lodge. Campbell Encampment has reported and forwarded its dues.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—I have the pleasure to reiterate the highly favorable report which has been made in all my former Annual Returns, concerning the distinguished position which our beloved Order occupies in the state of South Carolina. The report of the Grand Encampment has been made in due season, and is herewith presented.

GEORGIA.—The Grand Lodge of this state appears at the present session by two Representatives, having acquired the constitutional number of members to entitle it to such representation. This fact will be the best evidence which can be presented to you of the rapid progress of Odd-Fellowship in that enlightened state. The report of D. D. G. Sire Parsons has been made, which presents the Patriarchal branch of the Order in a highly successful condition within his jurisdiction. This officer has performed good service to the Order during the past year, and richly merits your commendation.

ALABAMA.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge and dues have been received. From the report it is evident that new life has been infused into the administration of its affairs, and, with perseverance, this Grand Lodge will soon occupy the position which she ought to have occupied some years past. The report of Ararat Encampment has also been received and is submitted.

MISSISSIPPI.—In G. Secretary Dicks, of Mississippi, I have found a prompt, regular, and valuable correspondent. The condition of the Order was never more prosperous in this state than it now is, in all its departments, as will appear from the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge, which was received at this office August 11, 1845.

LOUISIANA.—It is with the most unfeigned pleasure that I am permitted to report a great improvement in Odd-Fellowship in this state. The correspondence of the year with the Grand Officers, and the report of D. D. G. Sire Mondelli will afford the most gratifying evidence of the healthy and progressive condition of our Order within this jurisdiction.

FLORIDA.—The two lodges in this state continue to do well, and are commendable for the regularity of their reports.

MISSOURI.—The D. Grand Sire, it is presumed, will report specially upon the state of the Order in Missouri. I have the gratification to know, from the Grand Officers, that it is highly prosperous. The report of the Grand Lodge was received at this office, 20th August, 1845. The reports of Frontier Encampment have also been received.

ILLINOIS.—The state of Odd-Fellowship in Illinois has not heretofore been flattering, insomuch that at the last session it was supposed that the Grand Lodge of the state was virtually dissolved. I am happy to inform the Representatives that the annual report of the Grand Lodge was received within the fiscal year, from which it appears that, with proper exertions, the Order would soon improve in Illinois.

INDIANA. The Order continues to advance in this state. G. Master Taylor has been in regular correspondence with this office during the year, and has transmitted the annual report of the Grand Lodge, which is submitted.

OHIO.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this state has been made with its usual regularity within the fiscal year. It affords me pleasure to again distinguish the march of Odd-Fellowship in Ohio. This jurisdiction now comprises thirty-six Lodges, with a constituency of some twenty-six hundred members. The Grand Encampment has also made its annual report in season, from which that branch of the Order appears to be also in a flourishing condition.

KENTUCKY.—There is no part of your jurisdiction in which more zeal and devotion is manifested for the healthy progress of our beloved Order, than in this enlightened state. Odd-Fellowship prospers in all its departments, and the increase during the past year in this jurisdiction is the best encomium which can be passed upon the efforts of the brethren of Kentucky. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment have been received.

TENNESSEE. I have had the pleasure to receive several letters from G. Secretary P. F. Hardcastle during the past year, which advise me of the gradual spread of the Order in Tennessee. P. G. Master Timothy Kezer, a Representative from this state at the September Session, 1843, an ardent and distinguished Odd Fellow, departed this life during the recess. It is due to the memory of a brother, who was among the most zealous and active agents, by whose exertions the Order was sustained in the early struggles of its infancy in this jurisdiction, earnestly to commend to the imitation and emulation of his brethren his valuable services to the Order. The undersigned has had the pleasure of much official correspondence with the deceased during his administration in Tennessee, and feels it to be his duty to bear witness to the energy, devotion, and ardent love of brother Kezer in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. The report of D. D. G. Sire Scantland, herewith submitted, affords a gratifying account of the state of the Patriarchal department under his charge in this state.

ARKANSAS.—But little intelligence has been had of the progress of the Order in this state.

WISCONSIN AND IOWA.—The reports of D. D. G. Sires John G. Potts and William Duane Wilson, between whom these jurisdictions and a part of Illinois have been divided, are both herewith presented, from which it will appear that a very great advance has been made in the Order in these territories. Several new lodges have been erected, and an Encampment opened at Chicago, during the recess, all of which are in active operation. To these officers the Grand Lodge of the United States is under great obligations for services which they have rendered in the institution of the Lodges and Encampments, at a great distance from their place of residence, in a new country, thinly settled, and where great inconveniences frequently exist in the means of intercommunication.

TEXAS.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this Republic has been received, from which it appears that Lodge No. 1 has been suspended for insubordination to the Grand Lodge, and Lodge No. 2 has surrendered its charter; leaving in existence, Lone Star, No. 3, at Galveston, and Ridgely, No. 4, at Houston. The condition of the Order is by no means flattering in this jurisdiction, owing, in a great degree, to the unsettled state of the country. It is believed the late political change in its affairs will serve to benefit the cause of Odd-Fellowship in this Republic. Herewith is presented documents in the nature of a protest and remonstrance against the acts of the Grand Lodge, from members of Lodge No. 1, which require your careful attention.

The undersigned would again, with great deference, recommend to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the subject of a uniform code of gen-

eral laws, and the propriety of reducing into form all such laws as derive their force from usage. It is impossible to convey an adequate idea to the Grand Lodge of the constant and increasing inquiries that are made of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from all quarters, for opinions upon questions of law, not unfrequently arising out of differences of opinion among some of the oldest and best informed members of the Order—added to which, the Grand Sire is crowded with similar applications. It is made by law the duty of the Grand Sire to determine all such points of difference, and the undersigned having no power to respond *officially*, has, for the most part, transmitted the many letters received on these subjects to the M. W. Grand Sire. This imposes upon that officer an onerous and often delicate responsibility, which properly should reside in the Grand Lodge itself, by virtue of general laws, which would settle uniformly the fundamental laws and discipline of the Order. The constantly conflicting decisions in the legislation of the state Grand Lodges upon questions of usage and discipline, by which each state adopts its own construction and practice, will lead to great embarrassment in the general jurisprudence of the Order, if this subject be deferred, as it has heretofore been, from time to time. As I have already intimated, no correct idea can be formed of the extent of the inquiries which are addressed to this office for advice and counsel, unless by examination of its correspondence; to all of which, the undersigned has been ever ready, and will continue to be ever ready, to respond as an *individual*, if it still please the Grand Lodge to continue the existing state of things.

The Journal of last session was delivered, by order of the committee empowered by law to contract for its printing, to Brothers McGowan and Treadwell, of New York, by whom the work was done in a style entirely satisfactory to the undersigned, and distributed under my direction to the proper bodies and officers entitled to receive them within reasonable time. Herewith is presented the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodges and Encampments, and of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction, which have been organized during the recess, and have been forwarded to this office, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for their approval. Also, the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Ohio, South Carolina, and New Jersey, and of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts. I very respectfully suggest that a resolution be adopted requesting that a bound copy of the entire Journal of each of the state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be furnished by them to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that hereafter a copy of their Quarterly proceedings be regularly transmitted to this department, to be preserved as a valuable part of the progressive history of the Order.

The entire stock of Degree Books has been exhausted, and it will be your duty to authorize a further supply, to meet the constant demand for that part of the work.

Dispensations, according to law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, have been issued from this office during the year, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same.

For Subordinate Lodges.

To Pioneer of England Lodge, No. 1, Stockport, England.*	
Green Mountain Lodge - " 1, Burlington, Vermont.	
Vermont Lodge - " 2, Montpelier, "	
Harmony Lodge - " 2, Dubuque, Iowa,	
Keosauqua Lodge - " 3, Keosauqua, "	
Fairfield Lodge - " 4, Fairfield, "	
Miners' Lodge - " 4, Mineral Point, Wisconsin.	

For Subordinate Encampments.

To Gayosa Encampment - No. 3, Memphis, Tennessee.	
Moshassuck Encampment - " 2, Providence, Rhode Island.	
Sagadahock Encampment - " 6, Bath, Maine.	
Churchill Encampment - " 7, Thomaston, Maine.	
Border Encampment - " 8, Bangor, "	
Illinois Encampment - " 3, Chicago, Illinois.	
Stewart Encampment - " 3, Hannibal, Missouri.	
Augusta Encampment - " 5, Augusta, Georgia.	
Magnolia Encampment, Georgia, Warrant quasi, in place of former one destroyed by fire.	
Choctaw Encampment - No. 3, Jackson, Mississippi.	
Mount Pisgah Encampment " 3, Georgetown, D. C.	
Pine Encampment - " 3, Fayetteville, North Carolina.	
Penacoke Encampment - " 3, Concord, New Hampshire.	
Quocheco Encampment - " 4, Dover, "	
Strawberry Bank Encamp. " 5, Portsmouth, "	

It will be perceived, that from the increase of state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the number of warrants issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States has been greatly reduced. In another year, it is more than probable that Grand Lodges will have been established in all the states, which should admonish you in season to provide some substitute for the great decrease in your revenue which this result will superinduce. The several applications and returns of the D. D. Grand Sires and Special Deputies, to whom the warrants were transmitted for the institution of these bodies, are herewith presented, and in the event of their confirmation, no farther act need be done, the warrants being now absolute, as provided by law, upon approval by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The rapid increase of the Order, in every quarter of your jurisdiction, has associated with it a corresponding augmentation of the duties and labors of this office; and in view of this fact, it would be impracticable for the undersigned to get along with any degree of satisfaction to himself, or much comparative benefit to the Order, without the aid of the valuable services of the D. D. Grand Sires. These offices cease to exist as fast as state Grand Encampments are established, and in proportion as they thus decrease, will it be found exceedingly difficult to maintain any close relations between the states and this office. I have derived great assistance from these officers in enabling me to obtain accurate and prompt returns,

*This Lodge was instituted on the 28th October, 1845, but soon suspended operations, and has become extinct. See pp. 849, 880.

and it has been principally through their instrumentality that I have been enabled to adjust old disputed accounts, and to extricate the books of the Grand Lodge from the confusion and embarrassment in which I found them upon entering into this office. Although not so authorized by law, I have made the D. D. Grand Sires the fiscal agents of the Grand Lodge of the United States within their respective jurisdictions, with great success, and I have the satisfaction to state that they have generally been active, prompt, and faithful in the discharge of this duty. I respectfully recommend that some provision be made to supply to this department the loss of the services of these officers, by the creation of some agent in each of the states, who shall be an officer of this Grand Lodge, with defined powers, so clearly stated as to avoid the possibility of collision with the state authorities.

The annual reports of D. D. G. Sires Wilson, Potts, Guild, Moore, Parsons, Scantland, Dicks, Mondelli, and Kellogg, have been received and are herewith presented. I subjoin in tabular form a condensed view of the state of the Order and its operations during the past year, as derived from the annual reports of the Grand Lodge; also, a statement showing its progressive increase and operations during the last five years. These documents require no comment, indicating as they do the unparalleled growth and commensurate value of Odd-Fellowship wherever it has been established.

In concluding this report, allow me once more to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the great and unexampled prosperity which has crowned its continued efforts in the cause of humanity. Odd-Fellowship has submitted its claims and capacity as a minister of good among men, and has been approved by the intelligence of the age, as is clearly witnessed in the number of initiates in every grade and class of society which it has gathered within its lodge rooms. It has nothing, therefore, to apprehend from external causes. From within alone may we fear evil. By cherishing a deep love and veneration for the laws and ordinances of the Order, by a strict adherence to the relations of subordination which its discipline provides, by an elevated example reflected from its highest department, this apprehension may be wholly dissipated. The Order contains within itself, perhaps to a greater extent than most other federations for benevolent objects, the true elements of self-conservation, arising out of the liberality of its principles, the comprehensiveness of its character, and the perfect equality of its form of government: these, in a very great measure, independently of its own inherent excellence, will serve to free it from the common evil of internal decay, which for the most part follows close after rapid and premature prosperity.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand C. & R. Secretary.*

(Doc. C.)

Returns of Grand Lodges and Encampments not reported to September Session, 1845.

GRAND LODGES.—Illinois, and Province of Wales.

(Doc. D.)

Amount due by Grand Lodge of the United States, September 15, 1845.

Special Loan—Marion Lodge, New York	-	-	-	\$1,000 00
Six months' interest	-	-	-	30 00
Estate of R. Neilson—Covenant account	-	-	-	392 00
Do. do. Printing	-	-	-	164 50
Expenses of Committee on Revision, and printing their report				369 82
J. Hufty, Engraver—balance	-	-	-	808 45
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				\$2,764 77

On motion of Rep. True, of New York, 800 extra copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Representatives.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, presented the memorial of Bro. J. C. Bull, the purchaser of the surplus volumes of the Covenant, praying a discount on the price paid by him for said work, equivalent to the value of binding the same, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. True, of New York, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was accepted, and the reference made, as recommended therein:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Sire's Annual Report, for allotment of the various subjects therein contained, respectfully report :

That they recommend so much of the report as relates to the remission of the dues and arrearages of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and so much as relates to the finances of this Grand Lodge, and to the cards and price thereof, to the Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to the "difficulties in the Order in the state of Louisiana," and to the appointment of D. D. Grand Sires, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the "Official Magazine," to the Committee on the Official Magazine.

So much as refers to a "digest of the laws, usages, and customs of the Order," to a special committee.

BENJAMIN C. TRUE,
WILLIAM B. MAGRUDER,
CHARLES W. WHITALL.

Rep. Snelbaker, of Ohio, presented the following resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which were read, and, on motion of Rep. Davis, of Tennessee, were ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, Cincinnati, August 27th, 1845.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

BRETHREN —As the organ of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the state of Ohio, the duty devolves upon us of communicating to your body the action had by

our body upon the announcement of the death of P. D. G. Sire Robert Neilson, so lately a member with you, and our lamented and valued brother and friend.

Death has seized upon and taken from us one whom we have known for years as one of the fathers of our institution. We mourn his loss as such—as one “distinguished in every relation of life, whether as a Christian, an Odd Fellow, or a citizen—governed by the same elevated and exemplary excellence of character.” For sixteen years he has bowed before our altars—always untiring, indefatigable, and ardently engaged in promoting the welfare of our institution—in ameliorating the condition of man. God has said, “Come!” It is for us to bow in humble submission to the mandate, and render to the dead the last sad and mournful tribute due to those whom we loved and revered in life.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the 16th inst., P. G. James Reed, with suitable remarks, announced the death of P. D. G. Sire Robert Neilson, of Baltimore. P. G.’s James Reed, John Brough, and Samuel Froome were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense and feelings of the Order in this state. The following were submitted and unanimously adopted on the 21st inst.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the state of Ohio, have heard with feelings of deep regret of the decease of our esteemed brother, P. D. G. Sire ROBERT NEILSON, of the state of Maryland. Whilst living, we knew him in his well-deserved fame, as a bright and shining light of the Order. He has left us in death, made bright his faith, to the honor and advancement of our institution.

Resolved, That, as the Editor of the “Covenant,” our late Brother Neilson, by his distinguished talents, and untiring zeal and devotion to the Order, contributed in no small degree to the great prosperity of Odd-Fellowship, and the diffusion of its principles throughout the Union.

Resolved, That as a token of our respect for the deceased, and of our sympathy with his afflicted family, the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, and another to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in due form and attestation.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the “Ark,” and also to the “Covenant,” for publication.

We are, very truly, in the bonds of F., L., & T.,

DAVID T. SNELBAKER, *Grand Master*.

THOMAS SPOONER, *Grand Corresponding Secretary*.

(A true copy from the Minutes,)

ISAAC HEFLEY, *Grand Recording Secretary*.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Corresponding Secretary’s report was referred to the same committee to whom the Grand Sire’s message had been referred, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

Rep. Gilley, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the meaning of “expelled Lodge or Encampment,” in the amendment to Article I. of the Constitution, offered by Rep. Allen, of Missouri, at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of 1844, and adopted at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1845, shall be construed and so considered to mean the individual members thereof, in number sufficient to constitute such Lodge or Encampment.

The Grand Sire announced the following as the special committee provided for in the report of the committee to whom his annual report was referred, Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania; Williams, of Georgia, and Porter, of South Carolina.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, presented the appeal of Sabattis Lodge, of Maine, with accompanying documents, against the decision of the Grand Lodge

in the matter therein stated, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Thompson, of Maryland, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on printing 300 copies of the "Charge Book" most respectfully report to your R. W. Body, that they made contract on the 30th of September last, with P. D. G. Sire Robert Neilson, to print and bind 300 copies of the Charge and Installation Book, for the sum forty dollars, payable at this session. The work was finished in reasonable time, and delivered to the Grand Secretary.

Your committee further report, that they accepted the proposal of P. G.'s McGowan and Treadwell, for printing one thousand copies of the Journal of 1844, for the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per page, deliverable in thirty days after receipt of copy, and informed the Grand Secretary, and requested him to forward copy.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN A. THOMPSON,
ENOCH P. HOLDEN.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 16th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, asked and obtained leave of absence for his colleague, on account of illness.

Rep. Dicks, of Mississippi, presented the petition of a number of Patriarchs, members of Wilkinson Lodge, at Woodville, Mississippi, praying the grant of a charter for Woodville Encampment, No. 4, in said place, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, presented the constitution and laws of Mount Pisgah Encampment, of District of Columbia, which were referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the installation of Grand Officers this day, at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Rep. Morris, of New Jersey, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to instruction in the Work to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. Deering, of Maine, to fill the vacancy created by the absence of Rep. Philbrick, of New Hampshire, in the Committee on Official Magazine.

Rep. Deering, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was

read, and ordered to lie over for one day, as required by the rules, being a proposition to alter a By-Law :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of so far modifying the mode adopted at the last session for examining visiting brethren, as that the committee appointed for that purpose shall consist of only one member, instead of three, as now ordered.

Rep. Deering, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of so far regulating the delivery of public lectures on Odd-Fellowship by brethren of the Order, as to make it necessary that the consent of the Grand Master of the state, or some one of his Deputies, should first be obtained, before such lectures can be delivered.

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. Morris, of New Jersey, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on the State of the Order, occasioned by the absence of Rep. Gordon, of Michigan.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby instructed to report to this Grand Lodge an estimate of the probable expenditure of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Rep. Holden, of Maryland, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and report by resolution :

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the state of Kentucky; the Grand Lodge of the state of Missouri; the Grand Lodge of the state of New Hampshire; and Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Missouri; Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, Mississippi; Illinois Encampment, No. 3, Illinois; Gayoso Encampment, No. 3, Tennessee; Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, Rhode Island; Mount Pisgah Encampment, No. 3, Georgetown, District of Columbia, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH P. HOLDEN,
THOMAS S. DAY,
R. W. SEYMOUR.

Rep. White, of Rhode Island, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report to this session on the propriety of fixing a uniform price for the degrees.

Rep. Ford, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge that the interests of the Patriarchal Order in the state of Virginia would be greatly promoted by a change in the location of the Grand Encampment : Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Virginia (a majority of the subordinate Encampments concurring) be removed from its present location to the city of Richmond.

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Encampment be held in the city of Richmond, on the Wednesday after the second Monday in April next.

Resolved, That, a majority of the Encampments concurring in the change thus made, the Grand Patriarch shall direct information to be forwarded to the Grand Sire, who shall direct the change to be made permanently.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the session of this Grand Lodge, September, 1843, offered by Rep. Hurlbut, and found on page 560, Vol. I. Journal of Proceedings, be and the same is hereby declared null and void, being contrary to the Constitution, and having been adopted contrary to the By-Laws.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the Grand Master is entitled to vote at an annual election of officers, provided the Grand Master is a Representative to the state Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Holmes, of New Jersey, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative, who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. True, of New York, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report upon the following questions, viz :

1st.—Can a member of a lodge or Encampment withdraw his membership after paying all dues to the same, and being in good standing therein, without taking a card of clearance, carrying with it the usual recommendation ? In other words, can he be unconditionally discharged, he desiring the same ?

2d.—Can a member of a lodge or Encampment be expelled without a formal trial, with full charges and specifications made against him, when both the member and the lodge or Encampment are willing that such action should be had, and when the member is willing to acknowledge his wrong doing and his unworthiness to longer remain in membership ?

Rep. Porter, of South Carolina, presented the following resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which were read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the rules of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States allowing the A. T. P. W. to be given only to the N. G. and last P. G. of the subordinate lodges, has been found to be productive of much inconvenience.

Resolved, That this lodge do request of the R. W. Grand Lodge of this state to instruct its Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to endeavor to get the rule so amended that the A. T. P. W. shall be communicated to all of the P. G.'s of subordinate lodges.

On motion of Rep. Devotion, of Connecticut, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That Article XVIII. of the By-Laws be so amended as to read as follows, viz: The Grand Sire shall appoint at each Annual Session a qualified Past Grand in each state, district, or territory, (to serve for one year from the time of their appointment,) a District Deputy Grand Sire, who shall act as the special agents of this Lodge. It shall be their duty to receive the returns of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments within their respective districts, and transmit the same to the Grand Recording Secretary, as provided in Article II. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. It shall be their duty, provided no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists within their districts, to receive the returns of the subordinate lodges and Encampments located therein, and transmit the same to the Grand Recording Secretary, as herein before provided, and have a general supervision of said subordinate lodges and Encampments.

Rep. White, of Rhode Island, offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That no lodge shall initiate or confer degrees on any person out of the state, unless permission be granted by the Grand Lodge of the state in which the applicant resides.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring from District Deputy Grand Sires a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the Grand Master of the state in which such Deputies may reside, for the faithful execution of their financial trusts.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Revision, made the following report, which was read, and, on motion, made the order of the day for 4 o'clock in the afternoon session :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed at the last session to revise the Lectures and Charges of the Order, not having reported a draft of the Patriarchal Work at the late extra session, have the pleasure now to perform that duty, by reporting the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple Degrees, as also Forms for Opening and Closing an Encampment.

In making this report, the committee take occasion to remark, that the Degrees now reported have been prepared with some haste, and they therefore ask the privilege of making such verbal alteration as may appear necessary on a more deliberate examination of their work, the committee pledging themselves not to change any principle or sentiment therein inculcated.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES D. McCABE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Whereas, It was resolved by this Grand Lodge, in the session of 1841, that the several Grand Lodges should "strictly prohibit all processions and balls, at which the regalia, emblems, &c. of the Order shall be used, unless the same be granted after due consideration in open Grand Lodge, or in its recess be granted by dispensation of the Grand Master of the state;" And *whereas* this action of the Grand Lodge does not extend to the funeral of members—therefore, be it

Resolved, That this prohibition be extended to the funeral of members.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Whereas, It hath been represented to this Grand Lodge that innumerable difficulties have arisen for the want of some uniform legislation on the subject of honorary membership—be it

Resolved, That honorary membership shall under no circumstances be allowed under our jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the full membership in a subordinate lodge is essential to membership in an Encampment.

Rep. Croswell, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That a visiting card, signed by the proper officers of the subordinate lodge issuing the same, is full and complete, without the counter signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the state in which the card is issued, and

that the bearer of such a card, if correct in other particulars, is entitled to admission into any subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Credentials; made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials, to whom has been referred the certificate of JOHN E. CAREW, as the Representative of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, beg leave to report that the same is informal.

HORN R. KNEASS,
JOHN B. HINKLE.
MARSHALL C. HOLMES,

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to admit the Representative of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, notwithstanding the informality of the certificate of his appointment, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Parmenter, Drew, True, Egan, McCabe, Ford, Dicks, Croswell, Brittan, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Kneass, Shaffner, Robinson, Robbins—16.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Whitall, Day, Holmes, Hinkle, Brown, of Indiana, Forbes, Davis, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes ; Montgomery, 2 votes ; Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Churchill, Devotion, Morris, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy—30.

So the motion was rejected.

The hour having arrived fixed for the installation of Grand Officers, on motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

P. G. M. THOMAS SHERLOCK, of Ohio, being presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy at the foot of the Chair, and having been first examined and found qualified according to the various requisitions of the Constitution, was solemnly qualified in the O.B.N. of his office. Grand Sire SHERLOCK having been invested with the Regalia of his office, was formally conducted to the Chair by P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy, and was proclaimed the duly installed M. W. Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of North America, after the ancient form.

The D. Grand Sire elect having been called by the Grand Secretary, and failing to appear to be installed, as required by Article III. of the Constitution, the office of D. Grand Sire was declared vacant, as provided and required in the said Article of the Constitution, whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a D. Grand Sire. The following Brethren were put in nomination, to wit :

By Rep. Croswell, of Connecticut, P. G. M. Albert Case, of Massachusetts.

By Rep. Browne, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. Marshall C. Holmes, of New Jersey.

By Rep. Egan, of New York, P. G. M. Charles McGowan, of New York.

By Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, P. G. M. J. W. Stokes, of Pennsylvania.

The Chair announced Reps. Skinner, of Pennsylvania, Forbes, of Missouri, and Robbins, of Massachusetts, as tellers; who, having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. Grand Sires, as they were respectively called, and counted the same, reported that forty-six ballots had been cast, of which P. G. M. Albert Case, of Massachusetts, had received a majority; whereupon the Chair proclaimed P. G. M. ALBERT CASE the duly elected D. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

P. G. M. ALBERT CASE, Deputy Grand Sire,

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Recording Secretary, and

P. G. M. ANDREW E. WARNER, Grand Treasurer,

were then each installed into their respective offices.

The ceremony of installation being closed;

The Grand Sire appointed the following Grand Officers, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution, viz:

Rev. P. G. JAMES D. McCABE, of Virginia, W. G. Chaplain,

P. D. G. M. JOHN G. TREADWELL, of New York, W. G. Marshal,

D. G. M. LEVIN JONES, of District of Columbia, W. G. Guardian,

P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, W. G. Messenger,

who were severally conducted to their respective offices.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business, when,

On motion of Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, seconded by Rep. Morris, of New Jersey, the vote taken, by which the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to admit Rep. Carew, from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate of appointment, had been rejected, was reconsidered.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to admit Rep. Carew, of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Parmenter, Drew, True, Egan, Magruder, McIntyre, Whitall, Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Crosswell, Brittan, Davis, Seymour, Porter, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Deering, 2 votes; White, 2 votes; Montgomery, 2 votes; Kneass, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris, Robbins—32.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Skinner, 2 votes; Snelbaker, 2 votes; Day, 2 votes; McGowan, Gilley, Churchill, and P. G. Sires Wildey, Kennedy, and Hopkins—14.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, ALBERT CASE, R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding, the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Magruder, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the references as recommended, directed to be made:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the allotment of the various subjects therein contained, respectfully report as follows :

That they recommend that the following subjects be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, viz :

So much as relates to a Numerical Registry of all the lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction ;

So much as relates to the measures on foot to organize a lodge in Liverpool, England ;

So much as relates to the D. D. Grand Sires, and the recommendation to make some provision to supply their places.

That the following subjects be referred to the Committee on Finance, viz :

So much as relates to making out annually, in account current form, the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer ;

So much as relates to engraving Clearance and Visiting Cards ;

So much as relates to a detailed statement of the accounts of the Grand Secretary, to be made up within two weeks of the Annual Session of this body ;

The statement of receipts during the fiscal year terminating June 30th, 1845, and the supplemental statement thereto ;

So much as relates to the special commission appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire, composed of G. Master James Pratt and R. W. G. Rep. W. R. Smith ;

So much as relates to a further supply of Degree Books ;

So much as relates to providing some substitute for the great decrease in revenue to be occasioned by the reduction of the number of Warrants hereafter to be issued.

That the following subject be referred to the Committee on the Official Magazine, viz :

So much as relates to the sale of Vols I., II., and III. of the Covenant.

That the following subject be referred to a special committee, viz :

So much as relates to an alteration of the existing law, which requires the signatures of the Grand Sire, D. Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to Diplomas.

That the following subject be referred to the Committee on Petitions, viz :

So much as relates to the appeal against the acts of the Grand Lodge of Texas, from Lodge No. 1.

That the following subject be referred to the same special committee to whom that portion of the Grand Sire's report which related to the same subject, was referred, viz :

So much as refers to a digest of the "Laws, Usages, and Customs of the Order."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. MAGRUDER,
BENJAMIN C. TRUE,
CHARLES W. WHITALL.

On motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Revision of the Patriarchal Degrees, which being read, on motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, to adopt the Degrees as recommended, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Thompson, Parmenter, Drew, True, Egan, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Whitall, Day, Holmes, Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana, Dicks, Forbes, Croswell, Brittan, Davis, Seymour, Porter, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Robbins, Deering, White, 2 votes ; Montgomery, 2 votes ; Marley, McGowan, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Robinson, Devotion, Morris, Carew, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy—48.

NAYS.—Holden, Gilley, and P. G. Sire Hopkins—3.

So the Degrees as reported were adopted.

Rep. Devotion, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision be authorized to procure the printing of ——— copies of the revised Work of the Order for Encampments, and that the same be adopted by all Encampments under this jurisdiction on and after the first day of January, 1846.

Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Robbins, of Massachusetts, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

That Article XIV. of the Constitution be amended, by inserting after the words, “who shall have received the R. P. Degree,” “or a Past Grand Patriarch, provided he be a Past Grand.”

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Revision, reported the Form of Opening and Closing, and the Order of Business in Encampments, which was read and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, it was

Ordered, That when the new Encampment work shall go into operation the * * * * and P. W. of the P. D. be abolished.

Rep. Snelbaker, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Charges and Lectures be requested to prepare a suitable Form of Funeral Address for deceased brethren ; also, a Form for the order of Funeral and other processions, and to report the same to this Grand Lodge previous to adjournment.

Rep. Lloyd, of Georgia, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Provided, That these services shall not be used when there is a regular service performed at the grave by an officiating Minister of the Gospel, or without the assent of the immediate friends of the deceased.

On motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, the amendment was ordered to lie on the table.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Snelbaker, of Ohio, and pending the same,

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, September 17th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, ALBERT CASE, R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day, to wit: To instruction in the Work of the Order.

Rep. Brittan, of Connecticut, moved to suspend the order of the day, which was resolved in the negative.

The Grand Lodge accordingly proceeded to instruction in the Work, P. G. Sire Wildey officiating.

After some hours spent in instruction in the Work, the Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The matters at issue between Crescent Lodge, of Louisiana, and the Grand Lodge of the same state, are presented in a concise form in the protest with which the appeal of Crescent Lodge concludes, in the following words :

"Crescent Lodge, therefore, although admitting the supreme power of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and looking up to her as the head of the Order in this state, possessed of great powers, wisely granted her, to watch over the actions of her subordinates and check them in any infringement of the rules of the Order, as promulgated by the Grand Lodge, do solemnly protest against the power claimed by them, to compel a subordinate lodge to meet in a room against the wishes of said lodge, or to refuse their sanction for such lodge to remove to a room in every respect suitable for the purposes intended.

"Crescent Lodge also protests against her suspension, for refusing to mutilate her records and apologise in writing to the Grand Lodge, after the proceedings had at the meeting of the 20th May.

"Crescent Lodge also protests against the opinion held by the Grand Lodge, that all communications emanating from them, whether legal or illegal, must be received and filed by subordinate lodges, without debate.

"Crescent Lodge finally protests against the course pursued by the Grand Lodge committee, in refusing to recognise any committee appointed by Crescent Lodge, with the view of arranging the matters of difference, or to receive any explanation, all of which is contrary to the leading principles of our Order, whose motto is, "*Friendship, Love, and Truth*," and whose actions are founded on Faith, Hope, and Charity."

The Committee on the State of the Order, in the absence of any provision in the Charter designating the place of meeting of a subordinate lodge, sustains the ground assumed by Crescent Lodge, that a state Grand Lodge cannot compel its subordinate to meet in any particular room, against the consent of such subordinate lodge. The state Grand Lodge, however, has authority to prohibit meetings from being held at places that may not be deemed sufficiently private and secure from intrusion.

The committee also sustain Crescent Lodge in the opinion that its proceedings should not be mutilated. No apology ought to have been required under the circumstances alluded to, because no disrespect was

offered to the Grand Lodge by the *action* of Crescent Lodge. The offensive matter complained of was merely the act of one or two individuals, in submitting disrespectful motions, for which the Lodge should not be held answerable unless it had sanctioned them.

The committee disagree with Crescent Lodge in the third paragraph of its protest. It is to be presumed that a Grand Lodge would do nothing illegally, and therefore all communications emanating from such a body ought to be respectfully received by its subordinate lodges, though the committee can see no objection to their being calmly debated.

And your committee also dissent from the opinion implied in the concluding paragraph of the protest of Crescent Lodge, that a committee of a subordinate Lodge should have been met on equal terms by a committee of a Grand Lodge, with a view to discuss and settle the matters of difference between them. However commendable might be such an act of courtesy on the part of a Grand Lodge, yet it cannot be deemed as a matter of right.

In view of the difficulty that gave rise to the appeal which forms the subject of this report, and which difficulty appears to have originated in misapprehension, the Committee on the State of the Order commend the liberality of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in restoring the charter of Crescent Lodge until the opinion of this Grand Lodge be obtained; and direct that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana entirely withdraws its act of suspension in the case, so as to permit Crescent Lodge to continue its work.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Holmes, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to revise the Work of the Order, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins, be instructed to write out in cypher, and illustrate with diagrams, all the * * * * and * * * * belonging to the Order, in accordance with the — instructions just received, and that the same be placed in the hands of the Grand Corresponding Secretary on or before the first day of January, 1846.

On motion of Rep. Snelbaker, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the adjournment on yesterday afternoon, to wit: the resolution of the Representative of Ohio, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Charges and Lectures be requested to prepare a suitable Form of Funeral Address for deceased brethren; also, a Form for the order of Funeral and other processions, and to report the same to this Grand Lodge previous to adjournment.

On motion, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Williams, of Georgia, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Revision of the Work of the Order are hereby authorized and requested to prepare and submit to this session of the Grand Lodge a proper burial service to be used at the interment of a brother.

Resolved, That the said service, or any part of it, may be omitted at the discretion of the Lodge, when religious burial service is had, and shall at no time be performed without the consent of the immediate friends of the deceased.

Resolved, That the members of the Order shall upon all funeral occasions wear a black scarf, and such other badges of mourning as are usual in such cases, such as Crape, Evergreen, &c., but the ordinary regalia of the lodge shall not be worn: Provided, that upon the death of a Grand Officer of a state, or of the United States, the lodge may in its discretion use such regalia and badges of mourning as it may see proper.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, to lay the whole subject on the table, it was resolved in the negative: a division of the resolutions submitted by Rep. Williams, of Georgia, being called for, the question was taken on the first resolution and determined in the affirmative.

The second resolution was considered and adopted.

The third resolution being under consideration, on motion to lay the same on the table, it was rejected.

On motion of Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, to postpone the subject indefinitely, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Devotion, of Connecticut, moved to amend the resolution as follows, which, on motion, was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the following be adopted as the regalia to be worn at the funeral of brothers of subordinate lodges, viz: A black sash, having painted or wrought in front, for the initiated members, three links of a chain, in white; for those who have attained to the Pink, Blue, or Green Degrees, the same, wrought in the color of the Degree; for Scarlet members, the same with a bow and quiver suspended, in scarlet; Past Grands, same as Scarlet members, surmounted by a five pointed open star, with heart and hand in the centre, in gilt.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, offered the following as a substitute for the third resolution as submitted by Rep. Williams, of Georgia:

Resolved, That the wearing of regalia at funerals be left to the discretion of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of each state.

On motion of Rep. Williams, of Georgia, to lay the same on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution, by adding the words, "Grand and Subordinate Encampments," which was rejected.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "*and subordinate lodges.*"

The question recurring on the substitute of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, as amended, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Egan, True, Magruder, 2 votes; McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whitall, Holmes, Hinkle, Ford, 2 votes; Brown, of Indiana, Forbes, Crosswell, Brittan, Davis, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Devotion, Morris, Robbins, and P. G. Sires Kennedy and Hopkins—33

NAYS.—Rep's Day, Seymour, Porter, Williamson, Lloyd, Williams, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Montgomery, 2 votes; and P. G. Sire Wildey.—13.

P. G. Sire Kennedy submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Work be authorized to prefix the Encampment books with the following note:

"Each Encampment shall exercise its option in using or not using prayer—but if prayer be used, it shall be the form hereinafter contained."

On motion of Rep. Brown, of Indiana, to lay the resolution on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of P. G. Sire Kennedy, the yeas and nays were called and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Holden, 2 votes; Parmenter, Drew, Egan, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, Skinner, Holmes, McCabe, Ford, Croswell, Davis, Porter, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Morris, Robbins, and P. G. Sire Kennedy.—20.

NAYS.—Rep's Magruder, McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whittall, Day, Hinkle, Brown, of Indiana, Forbes, Brittan, Seymour, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Montgomery, 2 votes; Churchill, Devotion, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins—25.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The Chair announced the following special committee on signatures to Diplomas:

Rep's Williamson, of Alabama; Drew, of Massachusetts, and Forbes, of Missouri.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, ALBERT CASE, R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding, the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have examined the annual reports of District Deputy Grand Sires, and, with one exception, find nothing therein which requires legislation on the part of this body. The exception is contained in the report of D. D. Grand Sire Stewart, of Missouri. That officer informs us that on instituting an Encampment at Hannibal, in March last, the Patriarchal Degrees were conferred without fees, "information having been received that such was the custom." As such a proceeding is believed to be unprecedented in the operations of Odd Fellowship, the Committee on the State of the Order have deemed it necessary to invite special attention to the subject, in order that the Grand Secretary be directed when preparing the Journal of the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States for publication, to append a note to that part of Bro. Stewart's report which conveys the above information, stating the procedure to be erroneous and not warranted by law or usage.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith submitted, on the subject of a Numerical Registry

of all the Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It is a source of much regret to the committee to perceive such apparent indifference on the part of some of the state Grand Lodges on a subject of so much general interest.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary address a special circular to the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee, the Province of Canada, and the Republic of Texas, requiring them to forward the necessary information to complete a "Numerical Registry," as provided for at the Annual Session of 1843.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the documents in relation to the institution of the following subordinate Encampments and lodges, for which dispensations were issued during the recess, beg to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the dispensations issued to the following subordinate Encampments and lodges, be, and they are hereby confirmed, and that charters be issued accordingly.

Subordinate Encampments.

To Stadacona Encampment,	-	No. 2, Quebec, Canada.
Quocheco Encampment	-	" 4, Dover, New Hampshire.
Strawberry Bank Encamp.	-	" 5, Portsmouth, "
Gayosa Encampment	-	" 3, Memphis, Tennessee.
Border Encampment	-	" 8, Bangor, Maine.
Stewart Encampment	-	" 3, Hannibal, Missouri.
Augusta Encampment	-	" 5, Augusta, Georgia.
Churchill Encampment	-	" 7, Thomaston, Maine.
Illinois Encampment	-	" 3, Chicago, Illinois.
Sagadahock Encampment	-	" 6, Bath, Maine.
Choctaw Encampment	-	" 3, Jackson, Mississippi.
Mount Pisgah Encampment	-	" 3, Georgetown, D. C.
Pine Encampment	-	" 3, Fayetteville, North Carolina.
Penacoke Encampment	-	" 3, Concord, New Hampshire.
Moshassuck Encampment	-	" 2, Providence, Rhode Island.

Subordinate Lodges.

Green Mountain Lodge*	-	No. 1, Burlington, Vermont.
Pioneer of England Lodge,	-	" 1, Stockport, England.
Keosauqua Lodge	-	" 3, Keosauqua, Iowa.
Jefferson, Lodge	-	" - Fairfield, "
Harmony Lodge	-	" 2, Dubuque, "
Miners' Lodge	-	" 4, Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

*Instituted 14th January, 1845.

Resolved, That the several appointments made by the Grand Sire during the recess, and the dispensations granted by him, including the removal of the Grand Lodge of Texas to Galveston, be and they are hereby confirmed.

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the appeal of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, report, that they have duly considered the subject, and considering the question at issue determined by the decision of this Grand Lodge, in the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, as printed in the Journal of last session, page 678 submit for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, be sustained in its appeal, and the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine be reversed.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the reception of a withdrawal card disqualifies the brother receiving it from all claim for benefits upon the lodge granting the card.

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred communications from Sabattis, Natanis, and Cushnoc Lodges, of the state of Maine, beg leave to report, that the communications set forth full and satisfactory reasons for the delay on the part of said lodges in forwarding the whole amount of dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States. That the apparent remissness was entirely owing to wrong information received from D. D. G. Sire Churchill. In the opinion of the committee, no action of this Grand Lodge is required in the premises.

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred a "protest" from Maine Lodge, No. 1, of the state of Maine, report :

That the ground of the protest is, that the requirement of the Grand Lodge of the United States that the subordinate lodges under its immediate jurisdiction shall pay ten per cent. on its gross receipts, including "dues" and "donations," is oppressive. The committee without endorsing the opinion of the lodge protesting, think proper to offer the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Resolved, That Maine Lodge, No. 1, and all other lodges in Maine, which have failed to pay the same, be instructed to pay ten per cent. on their dues.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider whether the probable expenditure of this Grand Lodge will admit of a reduction of the amount required of subordinate lodges, by a removal of the per centage from any part of their receipts.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred a communication from Widow's Friend Encampment, No. 5, complaining of bad treatment from the Grand Encampment of Virginia, report:

That the communication has arisen in a misconception of the action of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, (and as we are informed by the Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Virginia,) the negligence of the Grand Scribe of that body in transmitting the official documents. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Grand Encampment of Virginia at its last annual session reinstated Widow's Friend Encampment in all the rights and privileges of the Order, no further action be had upon the subject.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred sundry petitions for the formation of subordinate Encampments, report, that they have duly considered the several applications and recommend that charters be granted to the following subordinate Encampments.

Woodville Encampment, No. 4, Woodville, Mississippi.

St. Paul's Encampment, No. 2, Montgomery, Alabama.

Black Warrior Encampment, No. 3, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication from Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, Georgia, asking a remission of dues in consequence of their loss by fire, and the petition of the R. W. Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in behalf of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, praying the Grand Lodge to furnish, under seal of the proper officers, duplicates of their Dispensations, which were destroyed by fire in the month of March last, report, that they have considered the subject and recommend the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Resolved, That in consideration of the loss sustained by Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, in the disastrous fire of March last, by which their Hall and furniture were destroyed, the amount now due by that Encampment be remitted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to have "copies of the Charters originally granted those bodies made out by the proper officers, and transmitted to them."

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication in relation to affairs in Texas, report, that the statements submitted to their consideration are so vague and indefinite in their character, as to render it impossible for them to arrive at any decision upon the subject. They therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to the Grand Sire, who shall appoint a commission to act in the recess, if found necessary, and that their decision in the case be made to him, and his decision shall be final.

Rep. Holmes, of New Jersey, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, on account of indisposition.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of James W. Hale and four others, "for a charter to create a lodge in Liverpool, England," report, that the petitioners are brothers in good standing, members of Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of New York and Massachusetts. That they set forth in their petition and in the docu-

ments accompanying, important reasons for a compliance with their request, and argue with great force the legality of the form of their application, and of the course which they suggest for the establishment of the lodge.

The petitioners refer particularly to the resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge, on the 23d of September, 1842, regulating the establishment of foreign lodges, and contend that the requirements therein contained are fully met by them, from the fact that they are "*members who have received the five degrees known to this Order.*" They urge the impossibility of collecting at any time a sufficient number of members of the Order, holding final cards, and otherwise qualified as the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge require, and they therefore contend for the literal construction of the resolutions above named, as the safest and most correct. The petitioners cite the dispensations granted to the lodges in Wales, as precedents for the action now prayed for, and they present the absolute necessity for the introduction of the Order, under American auspices, into this important English seaport.

The committee acknowledge themselves impressed with the weight of the arguments of the petitioners, and cannot perceive that, although technical, and perhaps different from the usual construction of our regulations in this respect, they are fallacious. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Resolved, That P. G. James W. Hale, or P. G. Thomas W. Colburn, as his substitute, be deputed to open a lodge in Liverpool, England, to be hailed as Oriental lodge, No. 2, and that the said Hale or the said Colburn, as his substitute, be authorized to instruct in the degrees of the Order such persons in Liverpool as shall be found worthy, in such number as may be necessary for the establishment and due management of the new lodge.*

P. G. Sire Hopkins, offered the following amendment to the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the said lodge shall not be opened prior to January 1st, 1846.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the report of the committee was adopted.

Rep. Holden, of Maryland, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on constitutions, to whom was referred the proceedings of several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, presuming it was intended that they should recommend some action upon them, and believing that a record of all the proceedings of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments would be of immense importance in preparing any statistical tables that may be hereafter required, we offer for your consideration the following resolution.

ENOCH P. HOLDEN,
ROBERT W. SEYMOUR,
THOMAS S. DAY.

*This Lodge was not instituted. See page 881.

Resolved, That every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be requested to furnish this Grand Lodge with an entire copy of the Journal of their Proceedings, (as printed.) And that hereafter a copy of their Quarterly Proceedings be regularly transmitted to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be there preserved as a valuable part of the progressive history of the Order.

Rep. Holden, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee on constitutions further report by resolution.

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the state of Alabama, Marshall Encampment, No. 2, Michigan, and Augusta Encampment, No. 5, Georgia, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

ENOCH P. HOLDEN,
ROBERT W. SEYMOUR,
THOMAS S. DAY.

Rep. True, of New York, from the Committee on the Official Magazine, submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the Official Magazine would respectfully ask leave to report, that they have examined the different documents referred to them, and have received such other testimony as seemed requisite to a proper understanding of the matter, and have come to the conclusion,

1st. That there has never been any transfer of the title or the interest held by this Grand Lodge in the Covenant and Official Magazine, to any one.

2d. That it appears that the Magazine had been a losing concern to this Grand Lodge for the time it was published, and therefore was discontinued as the organ of this body, and offered for sale.

3d. That no sum was offered under the advertisement for sale of the title and interest in the Covenant, held by this Grand Lodge, but that the sum of \$50 was offered by Bro. Neilson at a date subsequent to the one closing the time of receiving bids, and that in consequence of a difference of opinion as to the terms and conditions imposed by the resolutions of the last session, offering the Official Magazine for sale, no contract was consummated with Bro. Neilson, but that he published the Covenant from the first of December last as his own private property, and that since the February number the word "Official" was stricken from its title.

4th. That it is a matter of much doubt with the committee whether the Magazine was at that time worth the fifty dollars offered by Bro. Neilson, and therefore, Bro. Neilson having since died, and it having been intimated that his widow desires to continue the publication for her own benefit, the committee recommend the formal relinquishment of all right, title, and interest which this Grand Lodge holds in the Covenant and Offi-

cial Magazine, to Catharine Neilson, widow of our late Bro. Robert Neilson, for her use and benefit.

The committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

BENJAMIN C. TRUE,
NATHANIEL F. DEERING,
DAVID T. SNELBAKER.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand Recording Secretary be directed to transfer to Catharine Neilson all the right, title, and interest which this Grand Lodge now holds or held in the "Covenant and Official Magazine," on the first day of December, 1844: *Provided*, that in all future numbers of that Magazine during the period of one year from this date there shall be printed the following resolution:

Resolved, That all magazines, periodicals, or other publications purporting to treat upon Odd-Fellowship are solely and entirely upon the responsibility of the individuals publishing and editing the same, and have no sanction or authority from this Grand Lodge of the United States for any thing that may appear therein.

Rep. Williams, of Georgia, offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire appoint a competent person to correct two of the printed reports of the Committee on Revision, so that it may conform to the Forms of Lectures and Charges adopted by this Grand Lodge for the use of subordinate lodges, and that the same be transmitted to the applicants for the establishment of a subordinate lodge in Liverpool, and that the lodge in Liverpool be authorized to use the new work at once.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that when a brother of a subordinate lodge has been suspended or expelled, and appeals from the decision of his subordinate lodge to a state Grand Lodge, on the ground of "informality or want of fairness," said Grand Lodge has not the power to grant a new trial, unless informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, or new testimony be discovered; and that no state Grand Lodge can reinstate a suspended or expelled brother, without the consent of the subordinate lodge of which he was a member, provided he be charged with violating any known law of the Order.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which, being a proposition to alter a By-Law, was laid over for one day, according to the rule on that subject:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In view of the importance of the subject, the Committee on the State of the Order take much pleasure in seconding the suggestions contained in the annual reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, concerning the necessity which exists for the appointment of D. D. Grand Sires in all the states and territories subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

So much has already been said on this subject, at the present and last Annual Sessions of this Body, that it would be an act of supererogation on the part of the committee further to add to the arguments that have been submitted in favor of directing the appointment of these officers. It is utterly impossible for the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, to whom is assigned the executive duties of the Grand Lodge of the United States, any longer to discharge their duties in a prompt and systematic manner, with-

out the aid of D. D. Grand Sires, holding appointments by and under the immediate authority of this Grand Lodge. The committee cannot perceive that there is any danger of such officers coming into collision with the officers of the state Grand Lodges. On the contrary, the probability is that in most if not all cases, they will afford mutual aid to each other ; and if, unfortunately, any difference of opinion should arise as to the extent of their respective duties and powers, the Grand Sire would be within reach of the parties to settle the controversy. The committee therefore recommend that the Eighteenth Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII. At each Annual Session the Grand Sire shall appoint, in each state, district, and territory, an officer to be styled "District Deputy Grand Sire," whose duty it shall be to act as the special agent of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, viz:

To act for the Grand Sire, and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the particular district for which the D. D. Grand Sire may be appointed.

To act as the representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his district as the Grand Sire shall direct.

To give instruction in the A. T. P. W. to the proper officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of his state, and to give full and complete instruction in all the passwords and signs of the various degrees, and see that the work is uniform.

To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to any thing which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and obey the special direction of that officer, in collecting the dues belonging to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and obtaining the quarterly, semi-annual, or other reports and returns, and transmit the same to the office of the Grand Secretary.

To have a general supervision over all subordinate lodges and Encampments (if there be any such in his district) which work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

D. D. Grand Sires shall in no case interfere, as officers of this Grand Lodge, with the state Grand Lodges or Encampments in relation to matters that have been specially surrendered to the care of those bodies by their respective charters

To qualify a brother for the appointment of D. D. Grand Sire, he must be a regular contributing member of a subordinate lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of P. G. and R. P. D. ; and in states where Grand Encampments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointments of D. D. Grand Sires shall be made at each Annual Session, to continue for one year ; but they may be revoked for cause during the recess by the Grand Sire.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, with the accompanying resolutions, which were read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In examining the correspondence of the D. D. Grand Sires, there have been disclosed to the Committee on the State of the Order, two innovations on the spirit of the laws of this Grand Lodge, which require notice.

With a view to regulate this beginning and ending of quarterly and other *terms* throughout the entire jurisdiction, so as to ensure uniformity of dates in reports, &c., there was passed at the Annual Session of 1842 a law which (for the special purpose therein mentioned) recognized a new term of service in this Order. This new term, when applied to a subordinate lodge holding quarterly meetings, consists of any period longer than seven weeks and less than thirteen weeks, *to constitute a short quarter*, or any period above thirteen weeks and not more than nineteen weeks, *to constitute a long quarter*. The Encampment term, which is half yearly, was also changed on the same principle, and for the same reason, so as to allow officers the honors of a full term, although they might have served but the majority of a term ; and when they failed to serve a majority of the term, then their period of service was to be extended beyond the length of a regular term. The law referred to, which is to be found at page 491 of the Journal, 1842, will more clearly show its purpose and its purport.

This law has been so far *misinterpreted* in some sections of our country as to authorize the conferring of the past official degrees for terms of service of less than seven weeks, as applied to subordinate lodges ; and, in some instances, Encampments have given a like erroneous interpretation of the law, by failing to cause their officers to serve during the longest part of what is known as the regular term. Besides innovations of the kind here described, it has also happened that a lodge which was instituted, say within two weeks of the expiration of the established quarter, which ends with the 30th of June, would require its first officers to serve till about the middle of the following quarter, so as, by dividing the first fifteen weeks of its existence into two terms, to obtain two sets of past officers instead of but one set, which is all that they are entitled to under the law, (which would require, in the case supposed, that the first quarter be extended to fifteen weeks.)

In order to correct these irregularities, the Committee on the State of the Order recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the regular quarterly term known to the Order under this jurisdiction is thirteen weeks, and is to end either with the month of March, June, September or December ; and that, whenever a lodge is not instituted at least seven weeks before the termination of a regular quarter, it will be necessary for the officers first elected to hold their respective stations for and during the remnant of the first part of a quarter, and to the end of the next ensuing quarter ; and that any division of service by which one full term and part of another term may be made to give *two* terms of more than seven weeks each, be and is hereby prohibited.

Resolved further, That Encampments be, and they are hereby directed strictly to observe the spirit of the rule above prescribed for subordinate lodges—that is, that they interpret the law according to the same principles, making due allowance for the difference which exists in the length of their respective terms.

The other innovation to which the Committee on the State of the Order refer, is in giving to the *two* first *sets* of officers of new lodges some of the past official degrees without any service whatever. The resolution of 1842, which has been thus widely misinterpreted, was designed to give new lodges the benefit of the services of their best members, by conferring on the *first* Noble Grand, after he had satisfactorily passed that chair, the official degrees of P. V. G. and P. S., so as to prevent the necessity which had previously existed of sending him *back* to those chairs, in order to qualify him for office in a state Grand Lodge; and on the same principle, to prevent the *first* V. G. from being sent *back* to the Secretary's chair, it was determined to allow him to receive the past official honors of that station without having served in it. With a view to carry out the objects here expressed, the Committee on the State of the Order recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges be, and are hereby, empowered to confer the honorary degrees of P. V. G. and P. S. on any brother who, after having been duly elected, shall serve to the end of a lawful quarter as the *first* N. G. of a new lodge; and in like manner, and under similar circumstances, the honorary degree of P. S. may be conferred on the *first* V. G. of a new lodge; but in no other case shall the above degrees be conferred, unless for services duly performed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and other documents relating to the finances of this body, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find the condition of the funds as follows, viz:

1844, Sept. 19, Cash on hand, available,	-	\$3047 75	
" " unavailable,		192 50	
		<hr/>	\$3240 25
Receipts since that time, for Representative tax,		1080 00	
Charters,	-	930 00	
Dues from subordinate lodges and Encampments,		3101 90	
Charge and Degree Books,	-	1164 50	
Visiting and Clearance Cards,	-	1963 92	
Diplomas,	-	135 00	
Covenants,	-	896 37	
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			\$12,516 94

Amounts paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Grand Officers' Travelling expenses,	-	319 01
Interest on loan, Marion Lodge, New York,		60 31
Albert Case, charter fee returned,	-	30 00

Engraving and printing cards,	-	-	1604	50	
Discount,	-	-	21	70	
Diplomas,	-	-	165	39	
Commissioners of Maine,	-	-	28	89	
Grand Officers' Salaries,	-	-	850	00	
J. L. Ridgely, Editor of Covenant,	-	-	1000	00	
R. Neilson, on account of Covenant,	-	-	2456	81	
J. E. Chamberlain, sundries,	-	-	18	50	
Office expenses,	-	-	44	43	
R. Neilson, Printing,	-	-	36	50	
G. W. Churchill, bill of	-	-	30	00	
A. B. Coleman, "	-	-	18	50	
C. McGowan, for Constitutions,	-	-	28	00	
Rent,	-	-	150	00	
Stationery,	-	-	91	17	
Postage,	-	-	119	47	
Note to T. Wildey,	-	-	578	79	
Sundries,	-	-	3	50	
C. McGowan, charge books,	-	-	50	00	
Proceedings of Annual Session, 1844,	-	-	150	00	
Journal of Proceedings, Grand Lodge, U. S.,	-	-	121	50	7,976 97

Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands,	-	-			\$4,539 97
This amount consists of—					
J. C. Bull's notes due in 12 and 18 months, from Jan.					
1, 1845,	-	-	600	00	
Notes of G. W. Churchill,	-	-	260	00	
Arkansas funds, unavailable,	-	-	192	50	1052 50

Leaving available funds of	-	-			\$3,487 47
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The payments made by the Grand Treasurer, during the recess, as reported herein, are sanctioned by your committee, being in due form of law.

The following claims against the Grand Lodge have been presented, examined, and found correct, viz :

Special loan from Marion Lodge, New York,		\$1000	00
Interest 6 months, for same,	-	30	00
J. Hufty, balance for engraving and printing cards,	-	808	45
Committee on revision of the work of the Order,	-	369	82
Estate of R. Neilson, on account of Covenant,	-	392	00
" " " " Printing,	-	164	50
John G. Potts, D. D. Grand Sire,	-	14	00
Grand Secretary's Office, incidentals,	-	48	69
S. P. Parsons postage,	-	3	10
Grand Sire Hopkins' travelling expenses, postage, &c.,	-	94	10
R. Brandt, late Grand Guardian, travelling expenses,	-	30	00
William Curtis, late Grand Marshal,	-	15	00
John G. Treadwell, Grand Marshal,	-	40	00
Levin Jones, Grand Guardian,	-	10	70
J. E. Chamberlain, bill of sundries,	-	17	60

Albert Case, travelling expenses, Grand Chaplain and D.	
Grand Sire, - - - - -	60 00
Thomas Sherlock, travelling expenses, Grand Sire,	100 00
The committee recommend the following appropriations.	
Commissioners of Maine, Brs. Pratt and Smith, -	50 00
J. L. Ridgley, Grand Secretary, extra services, -	200 00
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Total indebtedness, - - - - -	\$3,447 96
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Which amount the committee recommend be settled by the proper officers, which will leave a balance of available funds in the treasury of - - - - -	\$39 51
and free the Grand Lodge from indebtedness.	
There is now due in bills receivable, - - - - -	860 00
And from Grand Lodges and Encampments, as per Doc. A. and B., appended to Grand Secretary's report -	1,675 79
Unavailable funds, - - - - -	192 50

The amount due by subordinate lodges and Encampments, cannot be arrived at, in consequence of no reports having been received by the Grand Secretary.

The committee also further report, in obedience to resolution of your R. W. Body, the following amount to meet the expenses of the year 1845-6, viz :

Salary of Grand Secretary, - - - - -	\$1,000 00
" " Treasurer, - - - - -	50 00
" " Messenger, - - - - -	150 00
Postage and Discount, - - - - -	175 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's Office, -	50 00
Printing Journal, &c., - - - - -	250 00
Rent for Office, - - - - -	150 00
Stationery, - - - - -	100 00
Travelling expenses of Grand Officers, - - - - -	250 00
Contingencies, - - - - -	225 00
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	\$2500 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted, with the accompanying resolutions, for approval.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
JAMES M. FORD,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS.

Resolved, That the proper officers draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the several claims herein reported as correct, and the extra appropriations in favor of Grand Secretary Ridgely, and Bros. Pratt and Smith, Commissioners of Maine.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the expenses of the year 1845-6.

On motion of Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, to lay the same on the table and to print it for the use of the Representatives, it was determined in the negative.

Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, moved to amend the resolution appropriating \$200 additional to the salary of the Grand Secretary for the years 1844-5, by inserting in lieu thereof the sum of \$400—which was adopted.

On motion, the report of the committee as amended was concurred in.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas for the remission of the Representative Tax, amounting to one hundred dollars, would respectfully report by resolution.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
JAMES M. FORD,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Texas be allowed five years to pay arrearages now due to this Grand Lodge, and that without interest.

The resolution being under consideration, P. G. Sire Hopkins moved the following amendment to the resolution accompanying the report of the committee.

Strike out all after the word “Resolved,” and insert the following :

“That all the arrearages of the Grand Lodge of Texas be and the same are hereby remitted.”

And pending this motion,

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 18th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Dicks, of Mississippi, presented the petition of Vicksburg Encampment, of that state, praying a remission of dues, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in the matter of the appeal of Crescent Lodge, of that state ; also, a communication from the said Grand Lodge in relation to J. D. Cordova, of Texas, which were read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Brown, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Indiana is desirous to change its location from Madison to Indianapolis : be it therefore

Resolved, That, a majority of subordinate lodges concurring, the Grand Lodge of Indiana be permitted to change its location to the city of Indianapolis.

Rep. Morris, of New Jersey, submitted the following, which was read and concurred in:

Whereas, A desire is manifested on the part of the Grand Encampment of the state of New Jersey, and also of the members of Industry Encampment, No. 1, of New Jersey, to reinstate the said Encampment: therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to deliver up the Charter, books, papers, &c., formerly belonging to said Encampment, to the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, for such action as they may deem advisable in the case.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, presented the following memorial of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

By instruction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the undersigned desires to memorialize your body upon the subject hereinafter mentioned.

The undersigned would respectfully represent, that, owing to the great distance and frequent delay of transportation of articles from Baltimore to different parts of the Valley of the Mississippi, the West and South West suffer greatly from such delay, and beg to have the same amended. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is now building a very superior hall, attached to which will be a secure fire proof vault, and that body tenders to the Grand Lodge of the United States the free use of the same, to deposite therein any books or papers that it may desire, and will give all convenience necessary, if the Grand Lodge of the United States selects that place as a Western Depot, to deposite for distribution, Books, Cards, &c., as per order of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Sire.

Louisville being at the Falls of the Ohio river, boats are running up and down from that point, so as to enable an agent to attend to orders immediately. No other point on the river possesses the same facility of transportation as Louisville.

Without further remarks, the undersigned would respectfully, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, pray the Grand Lodge of the United States to make Louisville a Depot for the deposite of Books, Cards, &c., as may be necessary for the Order in that section, and to be under such regulations as may be deemed advisable by your R. W. Body. And as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHN B. HINKLE, *Grand Master*.

By request of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, the undersigned joins in with the memorial of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to establish in Louisville a Depot for the Grand Lodge of the United States; and if that point be selected, the Grand Encampment will be pleased to render such aid as in its power to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge of the United States. We hope the prayer will be granted. And in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, *Grand Patriarch*.

Rep. Devotion, of Connecticut, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which was referred to the committee on constitutions.

Rep. Browne, of Pennsylvania, submitted the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, praying leave to cause the Lectures and Charges of subordinate Degrees and Initiation to be translated into the Welsh Language, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, from the special committee on the subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary's report as relates to the mode of signing the Diplomas, ask leave to report the following resolutions, the adoption of which they believe will obviate all the difficulties that have arisen upon that subject

Resolved, That Diplomas be delivered to the several State Grand Lodges, signed by the Grand Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that when said Diplomas are delivered to members of the Order, they receive the signature of the Grand Master of the state Grand Lodge to which the recipient belongs.

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary be, and hereby is authorized to procure such alteration of the plate as may be necessary to carry the above resolution into effect.

ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

On motion of Rep. Deering, of Maine, the resolution offered by him, and now lying on the table, in the words following, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of so far modifying the mode adopted at the last session for examining visiting brethren, as that the committee appointed for that purpose shall consist of only one member instead of three, as now ordered.

Rep. Deering, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That a brother of the Order who withdraws from a lodge for the purpose of forming a new lodge, or for the purpose of joining another lodge, shall be entitled to all the benefits of, and shall be amenable to the lodge from which he has taken his card of clearance, until such time as he may be able to connect himself with the new lodge: *Provided, however*, that in no case shall a longer time than one month be allowed the member to join said new lodge.

Rep. Williams, of Georgia, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns of Lodges and Encampments, having performed the duties assigned them, beg leave to report the following as the result of their examination:

The reports from the Grand Encampments from the following states are correct, to wit: New York, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Connecticut, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

The report from the Grand Encampment of the state of New Jersey is informal in this, that the number of Patriarchs composing the Grand Encampment, the times of meeting of the subordinate Encampments, and the signature of the G. P. are wanting.

The reports from the Grand Lodges of the following states are correct, to wit: Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, Tennessee, Missouri, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, and the Province of Canada.

The report from the Grand Lodges of the states of Delaware, Louisiana, Indiana, Illinois, and Texas, are correct, but have no accompanying report of relief.

In the report of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the names of the P. G. M.'s are omitted.

In the report of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire there is no statement of revenue, and no relief report.

The report of the Grand Lodge of Ohio is informal in tabular arrangement.

The reports from the following subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are informal, to wit:

Menotomy, No. 3; Massasoit, No. 1; Tri Mount, No. 2; Bunker Hill, No. 5; Narraganset, No. 1; Marshall, No. 2; Chattahoochie, No. 4; Mount Pisgah, No. 3; and Hochelaga, No. 1. Some of these reports want the seal of the Encampment, and in others the names of the officers are omitted, but they all afford the means of making up a statistical report.

The reports from the following subordinate Encampments are correct, to wit:

Columbian, No. 1; Frontier, No. 2; Ocmulgee, No. 2; Magnolia, No. 1; Augusta, No. 5; Gayosa, No. 3; Ridgely, No. 1; Mount Ararat, No. 1; Wildey, No. 2; Indiana, No. 1; Nashoonow, No. 1; Wonolanset, No. 2; Penacoke, No. 3; Quochecho, No. 4; Strawberry Bank, No. 5; Narraganset, No. 1; Moshassuck, No. 2; Campbell, No. 1; Wildey, No. 1, St. Louis; Marshall, No. 2; Marley, No. 2; Michigan, No. 1; Choctaw, No. 3; Franklin, No. 3; Eastern, No. 2; Illinois, No. 3; Delaware, No. 1; Machigonne, No. 1; Washington, No. 2; Sangamore, No. 3; Monomake, No. 1; Bethlehem, No. 3; Wildey, No. 1, Louisiana; Louisiana, No. 2; Wildey, No. 1, Mississippi.

The quarterly reports of subordinate lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are incorrect, to wit:

Granite, No. 1; Manchester, No. 2; Eagle, No. 2; Pontiac, No. 3; Rose of the Valley, No. 3; Miner's, No. 4; Florida, No. 1; Kennedy, No. 2; and Washington, No. 1. Most of these reports are informal for want of the seal or the name of their officers.

The quarterly reports from the following subordinate lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are correct, to wit:

Saccarappa, No. 4; Lincoln, No. 10; Saco, No. 2; Sabattis, No. 6; Kenduokeag, No. 12; Natanis, No. 9; Pigeptscot, No. 13; Georgian, No. 3; Cushnoc, No. 14; Ligonias, No. 5; Wayne, No. 2; Michigan, No. 1; Prince Albert, No. 3, Province of Canada; Queens, No. 2, Province of Canada; Mountain, No. 5; Milwaukie, No. 2; Vernon, No. 2; Harmony, No. 2; Jackson, No. 4; Prince of Wales, No. 1, Province of Canada; Wecohomet, No. 3, Piscatagua, No. 6; Peninsula, No. 5; and Friendly Union, No. 1.

The committee have no resolution to offer at the close of this report.

They however may be indulged in the exercise of the hope that the officers whose duty it is to make returns to this Grand Lodge will be more particular in putting them in the form required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

WILEY WILLIAMS,
SMITH SKINNER,
CHARLES W. WHITALL.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that the matters contained in the various letters, documents, &c. which have been submitted to their examination, have already either been definitely acted upon, or referred to the appropriate committees for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HORN R. KNEASS,
GEORGE I. DICKS,
EDWARD McINTYRE.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order would be gratified, if, consistently with their duty, they could recommend the passage of a law in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, that the A. T. P. W. be put in possession of all the Past Grands of a state. Such a law your committee believe would be highly acceptable in some sections of the Union; but they are satisfied, from the experience obtained where such a practice has hitherto been erroneously pursued, that it would be prejudicial to the interests of the Order at large. That this would be the case, South Carolina and other of our younger sisters in Odd Fellowship will not be long in discovering, and the committee feel assured that these states would rather suffer temporary inconvenience than ever incur the risk of inflicting a permanent injury upon the Order. Entertaining views decidedly adverse to such a change in the present law on the subject, the committee do not recommend any further legislation.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order do not deem it expedient now to adopt a law prohibiting lodges from initiating persons belonging to

other states, without first obtaining the permission of the Grand Lodge of the state in which the applicant resides. A general law of this kind might in some cases prove injurious, and in many instances it would operate as a total prohibition, because some of the Grand Lodges meet but once or twice a year. There is already a law which restrains the action of lodges on applications of the kind here referred to. A strict observance of this law, and the exercise of that just caution which should ever characterize the acts of our brethren when deliberating on the propriety of admitting strangers to the privileges of the fraternity, will in most cases prove a sufficient protection against the admission of unworthy persons.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order can conceive of no impropriety in permitting the Grand Master of a state to vote at elections for officers, as well as to vote on all questions to be determined in Grand Lodge, when he is a special delegate or representative from his subordinate lodge, and provided that he be not also entitled to a casting vote; but as the regulation of this subject, in the opinion of the committee, belongs exclusively to the state authorities, the committee cannot recommend any legislation in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

From the information before them, the Committee on the State of the Order can perceive no objection to the passage of the resolutions referred to them on Tuesday last, relative to the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia from Portsmouth to Richmond, in the following modified form:

Resolved, That, if a majority of the subordinate Encampments of the state concur in the change, permission is hereby granted to the Grand Encampment of Virginia to remove from its present location at Portsmouth to the city of Richmond; and that when the Grand Sire shall be informed of the said removal, in the manner above prescribed, he shall direct the Encampment to be permanently located at the capital of the state.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The following resolution having been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, viz :

“ Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of so far regulating the delivery of public lectures on Odd Fellowship, by brethren of the Order, as to make it necessary that the consent of the Grand Master of the state, or some one of his Deputies, should first be obtained before such lectures can be delivered.”

The committee respond, by saying that at the last Annual Session of this Grand Lodge a resolution was adopted expressing its opinion that the delivering of lectures on Odd Fellowship was not consistent with the duties of brethren of this Order, unless when specially authorized by lodges and Encampments. The adoption of this resolution has already had the effect of abating the evil in a great degree, and the committee hope that if the brotherhood be again reminded of the impropriety of many, if not most of these lectures, they will themselves either suppress them entirely or restrain them within proper limits. This, the committee believe, can most effectively be done by the lodges themselves; but, if they refuse to apply the remedy, it can certainly be effected with the aid of the legislation of the state Grand Lodges, which would be preferable to placing the matter under the control of the Grand Master or any other state officer. The committee are therefore content still further to test the efficacy of the existing law, and defer for the present any further legislation on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. True, of New York, offered the following resolutions, which were read and concurred in :

Resolved, That if any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall decline the agency for the sale of Diplomas, as provided in the resolutions passed on the 21st Sept., 1843, then the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be authorized to appoint the Grand Secretary or the Grand Scribe of such Lodge or Encampment, and in the event of their declension, any other person, on satisfactory security being given.

Resolved, That upon such appointment all accounts with other agents in the same state be forthwith closed.

Rep. Thompson, of Maryland, presented the appeals of Union and Jefferson Lodges, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the matters therein referred to, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In view of a resolution which was referred to them on Tuesday, the Committee on the State of the Order report, that a visiting card signed by

the proper officers of the subordinate lodge issuing the same, is full and complete without the counter signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the state in which the card is issued, and that the bearer of such a card, if correct in other particulars, is entitled to admission into any subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction

Such is the general law; but, in abolishing a former law, which required that *all* the cards should be countersigned by the Grand Secretaries of the respective states under whose authority they were issued, the right was conceded to Pennsylvania and New York to continue the practice of having them so signed by their Grand Secretaries, until they should deem it safe to dispense with this evidence of their authenticity, and the committee believe that both those states still continue to require that all cards issuing from their jurisdictions shall be so certified. If this be a fact, none others should be recognized from lodges located within either of those states. No card, however, should be refused, if presented by a visiter coming from a jurisdiction where the rule requiring the signature of the state Grand Secretary is not in force.

If the Grand Lodge of the United States proposes hereafter to furnish all cards for the use of the Order, the best possible way of authenticating them would be by causing them to be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

On motion of Rep. Egan, of New York, to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Williams, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being sustained by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the main question was then put in the following form: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The following questions having been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, viz:

"1st. Can a member of a lodge or Encampment withdraw his membership after paying all dues to the same, and being in good standing therein, without taking a card of clearance, carrying with it the usual recommendation—in other words, can he be unconditionally discharged, he desiring the same?"

"2d. Can a member of a lodge or Encampment be expelled without a formal trial, without full charges and specifications made against him, when both the member and the lodge or Encampment are willing that such action should be had, and when the member is willing to acknowledge his wrong doing, and his unworthiness to longer remain in membership?"

The committee reply to the first interrogatory by saying, that, in their opinion, a member may, on his own written application, withdraw from the Order without taking a clearance card; that is, if he be resolved to sever his connexion with us, and refuse to take a card, there is no reasonable or

rightful remedy. A lodge cannot (and should not if it could) detain him against his will, and it would not be charitable, or consistent with our principles, to retain his name on the books for the express purpose of allowing dues to accumulate, that we might stigmatize him by suspension or expulsion. If a brother come among us with clean hands, and faithfully discharge his obligations to the lodge, why should he not be permitted to depart in peace, whether he choose to receive from us a certificate of character or not? To say that he could only retire from our halls by receiving a certificate, would be to impose a restraint on his actions, in denying to him the right to choose the time and manner of his withdrawal. This has never been the policy of the Order, so far as the committee possess knowledge of the subject. To all who are worthy, our doors are open; and, if they be not content with us, they are free to go.

The committee, in reply to the second interrogatory, answer, that if a member refuse to stand a trial, he cannot be formally tried, and in such case a lodge may expel for contempt. This is one view of the case. But if, as may be inferred from the interrogatory, a member acknowledges that he has been guilty of some unworthy action, and asks that the Lodge will expel him on his own acknowledgment, so as to relieve him from the disgrace and mortification of a trial, involving exposures that would probably carry unhappiness into the bosom of his family,—in such a case the committee think that he might be expelled, without going through all the forms of a trial, in preferring and specifying the particular charges, examining witnesses, &c. A course of this kind, according to the present views of your committee, might be pursued without detriment to the interests of the Order. Expulsion is the highest penalty which our laws can inflict; it is never resorted to except for cause; and the fact of a member being expelled implies that he has been guilty of misdemeanor or some offence against our laws. By such an act the Order is purged of his presence, and the members of a lodge are required to do nothing more, unless the offence be a criminal one, in which case, in their character of citizens, they are bound to sustain the laws of the country.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication of Vicksburg Encampment, No. 2, addressed to D. D. G. Sire Dicks, and through him to this Grand Lodge, respectfully report, that they have examined the subject, and from the facts presented, believe that it is an extreme case, and in that fraternal spirit of sympathy which should ever characterize this Grand Lodge in its intercourse with its subordinates, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and ask that the communication of Vicksburg Encampment, No. 2, be admitted as part of their report.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the amount now due the Grand Lodge of the United States be remitted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, offered the following, which was read and adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Virginia purchased a number of Grand Lodge Diplomas, for which they were charged \$1 50; and *whereas* the Grand Lodge of the United States immediately reduced the price to \$1, thereby causing loss to the Grand Lodge of Virginia: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to furnish the Grand Lodge of Virginia with such additional number of Diplomas, free of charge, as shall remunerate that Grand Lodge for such loss as above stated.

Rep. Williams, of Georgia, offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Revision of the Work of the Order be authorized and directed to have printed two thousand copies, or more, if necessary, of the new Lectures, Charges, &c., for the use of the Patriarchal Order; and that, if they shall deem the same expedient, they be also authorized to have the said Lectures, Charges, &c. stereotyped. The work to be done, if possible, in time to be distributed by the first of January next, with the Revised Work of the subordinate lodges.

Resolved, That if said committee find it necessary, for the purpose of completing their labors, they may meet at such time and place as they may designate, at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the appeal of Union Lodge, No. 16, from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, respectfully report, that the appeal is in due form, and upon the following point: A member of Union Lodge committed suicide, and the said lodge refused, for that reason, to pay the funeral benefits to the relatives of the deceased. The Grand Lodge of Maryland, upon appeal, decided that the payment should be made. The committee cannot conceive that the misfortune of the family of the deceased brother should be followed by the denial of their legal claims upon the Order. They therefore sustain the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Holden, of Maryland, from the committee on constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on constitutions report the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut as incorrect, in directing their Grand

Representatives to serve for two years from the date of their election ; otherwise they find nothing inconsistent with the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut be directed to alter the 6th Section of Article III. of their constitution to conform with Article X. of the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH P. HOLDEN,
THOMAS S. DAY,
ROBERT W. SEYMOUR.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at 4 o'clock this afternoon :

Resolved, That it is expedient for this Grand Lodge to adopt some measure by which the wives of Odd Fellows may be enabled to make themselves known to members of the Order, and prove themselves when among strangers.

The Chair appointed Reps. Williamson, of Alabama ; McCabe, of Virginia ; and McGowan, of New York, as the committee.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision be requested to have the revised Lectures and Charges of the Order translated into the French, German, and Welsh languages, and have the requisite number printed.

Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion, ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania be immediately required and directed to notify all the lodges under their several jurisdictions, without delay, that the countersigning of cards by the Grand Secretaries of the state Grand Lodges is not required, and that they shall not reject any visitors from other states because their card may not have the signature of the Grand Secretary of such state thereon.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order respectfully report, in reply to a resolution of inquiry, that they do not deem it expedient to modify the law of the last Annual Session which requires that the committee of a subordinate lodge for the examination of visiting brethren consist of three members, that being the usual and the safest practice.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, to proceed to the consideration of the following resolution, now lying on the table, it was agreed to :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the session of this Grand Lodge, September, 1843, offered by Rep. Hurlbut, and found on page 600 Journal of the Proceedings, be, and the same is hereby declared null and void, being contrary to the Constitution, and having been adopted contrary to the By-Laws.

The resolution being under consideration, on motion, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Parmenter, Drew, True, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes ; Montgomery, 2 votes ; Robbins—10.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Egan, Browne, of Pennsylvania ; Skinner, Magruder, 2 votes ; McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Whitall, Day, 2 votes ; Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana ; Dicks, Croswell, Brittan, Seymour, 2 votes ; Williamson, Williams, 2 votes ; Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Shaffner, Devotion, Robinson, Morris, and P. G. Sires Kennedy and Hopkins—36.

So the resolution was rejected.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the appeal of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, respectfully report, that the appeal is in due form, and of the following purport : That a member of the said subordinate lodge was suspended during the pleasure of the lodge, for non-payment of dues. The term of suspension being indefinite, and such form of penalty being recognized generally in the Order as legal, action was had upon an application for re-admission of the brother, and the lodge refused to terminate the suspension. Upon appeal of the brother suspended to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that body reversed the decision of the lodge, and ordered the reinstatement of the delinquent. Your committee cannot find any authority for the intervention of a Grand Lodge in any case except *expulsion* ; and so long as indefinite suspension is considered legal, the determination of that penalty is entirely under the control of the subordinate lodge imposing it. The decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland is therefore reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. McCABE,
WILLIAM E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Thompson, of Maryland, moved the following, as a substitute for the report of the committee :

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the matter of appeal of John L. Spangler, from the decision of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, of that state be affirmed.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the question was put in the following form : " Shall the main question be now put ? " which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question being about to be put, Rep. Marley, of Maryland, asked whether all the amendments had been cut off by the previous question. The Chair decided that the amendment pending at the time of the call of the previous question, was not cut off by the previous question ; from which decision Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, appealed, and the question being put : " Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge ? " it was

resolved in the negative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Petitions?" which was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Parmenter, Drew, True, Magruder, 2 votes; McIntyre, Whitall, Deering, 2 votes; McGowan, Gilley, Devotion, Morris, Robbins, and P. G. Sire Kennedy—15.

NAYS.—Reps. Thompson, Holden, Egan, Browne, of Pennsylvania; Skinner, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Day, 2 votes; Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana; Dicks, Croswell, Brittan, Williams, Lloyd, White, 2 votes; Montgomery, 2 votes; Marley, Kneass, Churchill, Williamson, Seymour, 2 votes, and P. G. Sire Hopkins—28.

Rep. Thompson, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the matter of appeal of John L. Spangler, from the decision of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, of that state, be affirmed.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, seconded by Rep. Dicks, of Mississippi, submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To amend Article XIII. of the Constitution, strike out the words "Grand Lodges or Encampments, or."

Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the punishment of indefinite suspension in any branch of the Order is hereby declared to be illegal.

Rep. Drew, of Massachusetts, called for the previous question, which, being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the question was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Churchill, of Ohio?" which was resolved in the negative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the annexed preamble and resolution, respectfully recommend that they be adopted:

"Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Indiana is desirous to change its location from Madison to Indianapolis: be it therefore

Resolved, That, a majority of subordinate lodges concurring, the Grand Lodge of Indiana be permitted to change its location to the city of Indianapolis."

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain proceedings had by Union Lodge of Louisiana, in the year 1841, relating to an application at that time made to the said lodge by Bro. J. De Cordova for a card, do not deem any formal action on the subject now necessary by this Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, having duly considered the subject embraced in the subjoined preamble and resolution, respectfully recommend that they be adopted :

“ *Whereas*, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge that innumerable difficulties have arisen for the want of some uniform legislation on the subject of honorary membership, be it

Resolved, That honorary membership shall under no circumstances be allowed under this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the full membership in a subordinate lodge is essential to membership in an Encampment.”

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in response to a resolution which has been referred to their consideration, respectfully report against the propriety of establishing a uniform price for degrees throughout this jurisdiction—the committee believing that the regulation of this subject, which is now confided to the various state authorities, had better remain under their control.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and agreed to.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Since their former report on the subject of the controversy between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and Crescent Lodge at New Orleans, additional documents have been received from the Grand Lodge. They are not of a character, however, to change the decision which has already been made by this body. The points presented by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana are embraced in the annexed interrogatories :

"1. Has or has not a subordinate lodge a right to refuse to receive an order from the Grand Master or Grand Lodge? Is not a subordinate lodge bound to receive and obey an order from the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, without discussion, until the same is withdrawn or set aside by the Grand Lodge voluntarily, or on an appeal from said subordinate Lodge?

"2. Has or has not a state Grand Lodge a right to designate the room in which lodges under her jurisdiction shall meet, even if the charter of said subordinate lodge merely designate the city, and not a specified location?

"3. Has a subordinate lodge a right to hire a room, enter into an arrangement to pay rent, &c. for said room, and prepare the same for holding meetings, without first obtaining consent of the Grand Lodge for so doing?

"4. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana does not designate any mode of proceeding in taking away the charter from subordinate lodges; has the Grand Lodge a right to take from a subordinate lodge her charter without previous notice being given to said lodge, and an opportunity afforded her to vindicate her cause?

"5. Crescent Lodge received written notice from the Grand Lodge not to take any further steps in procuring a room to hold her meetings in, until further notice from the Grand Lodge. In the face of this order and without further notice and consent from the Grand Lodge, said lodge leased a room for five years, and are making arrangements to fit up said room to meet in. Had or had not the Grand Lodge a right to issue said order, and had she not the right, and was it not her duty, (to maintain subordination and her legal authority) to take from said lodge her charter.

The Committee on the State of the Order, reply to the above interrogatories as follows :

1. A subordinate lodge ought to receive respectfully all communications which emanate from a Grand Lodge, or from the Grand Master of the particular state or district within which the subordinate lodge is located. There is no objection to permitting respectful debate on such communications.

2. This question has been distinctly answered in the negative, as will appear by reference to the former report relating to this subject.

3. This question is answered in the affirmative; but if the room should be unsuitable, as stated in the former report, then the Grand Lodge may prohibit meetings from being held therein.

4. A Grand Lodge may do such an act as is implied by this question; but it would be a very unjust act, and contrary not only to the spirit, but to the general usage of this Order.

5. Crescent Lodge had a right, under the circumstances of this case, to procure and furnish a room for its own accommodation; and any order of the Grand Lodge which went to prohibit it from meeting in a suitable room was erroneous, inasmuch as such an order might operate as a virtual suspension of the lodge, by depriving it of a place in which to hold meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAA'TS S. MORRIS.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Master and Grand Representative from the state of Kentucky, for the establishment of a depot at Louisville, in that state, for the deposite of books, cards, &c. belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, (as will more fully appear by a reference to the petition itself,) report, that in their opinion the establishment of such a depot is inexpedient and unnecessary.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL.

Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, from the committee to whom the following resolution was referred, made a report favorable to the subject:

Resolved, That it is expedient for this Grand Lodge to adopt some means by which the wives of Odd Fellows may be enabled to make themselves known to the members of the Order, and prove themselves when among strangers."

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the minority of the committee, made a report adverse to the resolution.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved that the reports be re-committed to the committee, with instructions to report a form of card to be used by the wives of Odd Fellows when travelling, or the widows of Odd Fellows, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, offered the following as a substitute for the reports of the committee:

Resolved, That each subordinate lodge may, by a vote of two-thirds of its members voting, grant a card to the wife of any member who may apply for it, signed by the officers of the lodge, and countersigned by the recipient on the margin, and to remain in force not more than one year, and that similar cards may be granted to the widows of Odd Fellows, to remain in force as long as they remain such.

Resolved, That the form of the card shall be as follows, viz:

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This certifies that ———, whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card in her own proper hand writing, is the wife of our well beloved brother ———, who is a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, held at —, and working under the authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the ———. We therefore recommend her to your friendship, aid, and protection, wherever she may be throughout the world, for the space of ———, and no longer.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —.

——, N. G.
——, V. G.

——, Sec'y.

When the card is granted to a widow, it shall be so stated, and the card shall be made to conform to the requirements of the first resolution.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Grand Lodge, the question was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the majority report of the committee?"

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Hinkle, McCabe, Ford, Brown, of Indiana, Brittan, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Montgomery, 2 votes; Shaffner, Devotion, Morris—17.

NAYS.—Rep's Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Skinner, 2 votes; Magruder, 2 votes; McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whitall, Day, 2 votes; Croswell, Seymour, Porter, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Churchill, Robinson, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins—25.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That each subordinate lodge may, by a vote of two-thirds of its members voting, grant a card to the wife of any member who may apply for it, signed by the officers of the lodge, and countersigned by the recipient on the margin, and to remain in force not more than one year, and that similar cards may be granted to the widows of Odd Fellows, to remain in force as long as they shall remain such.

Resolved, That the form of the card shall be as follows, viz:

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

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To all whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This Certifies that ———, whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card in her own proper hand writing, is the wife of our well beloved brother ———, who is a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, held at ———, and working under authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the ———. We therefore recommend her to your friendship, aid, and protection, wherever she may be throughout the world, for the space of ———, and no longer.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, and affixed the seal of our lodge, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —

—— —, N. G.
—— —, V. G.

—— —, *Sec'y.*

When the card is granted to a widow, it shall be so stated, and the card shall be made to conform to the requirements of the first resolution.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Magruder, 2 votes; McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Whitall, Hinkle, Brown, of Indiana, Croswell, Brittan, Williamson, Williams, Lloyd, Smith, Deering, White, 2 votes; Montgomery, 2 votes; Churchill, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris—23.

NAYS.—Rep's Thompson, Holden, Parmenter, Drew, Egan, 2 votes; Skinner, 2 votes; Day, 2 votes; McCabe, Ford, Seymour, Porter, Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Kneass, Robinson, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins—21.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, offered the following resolution, which was decided in the negative:

Resolved, That the expenses of the Grand Chaplain be paid by this Grand Lodge from the date of his appointment.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Whittall, Ford, Seymour, Porter, Williamson, Williams, 2 votes; Montgomery, Kneass, Churchill, Robinson—11.

NAYS.—Rep's Thompson, Holden, Drew, 2 votes; Egan, True, Browne, of Pennsylvania, 2 votes; McIntyre, Snelbaker, 2 votes; Hinkle, Brown of Indiana, Brittan, 2 votes; Deering, 2 votes; White, 2 votes; Marley, McGowan, Gilley, Shaffner, Devotion, Morris, and P. G. Sire Kennedy—26.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, seconded by Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to reconsider the resolution passed on yesterday, concurring in the report of the Committee on Finance, which was not agreed to.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's reports as relate "To the finances of this Grand Lodge—and to the cards and price thereof—to making out annually in account current form the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer"—to the engraving of "Visiting and Clearance Cards"—"to a further supply of Degree Books"—and "to providing some substitute for the great decrease in revenue to be occasioned by the reduction of the number of warrants hereafter to be issued," respectfully report, that they have duly considered the subjects above enumerated, and submit the following for the consideration of your R. W. Body.

On the first subject they agree with the views of the M. W. Grand Sire, that the signature of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary should be attached to the Cards of the Order, but dissent from him so far as regards the price of the same, as they can be furnished at a less price now than the original contract. Your committee would therefore recommend that from and after the first of January, 1846, the Visiting and Clearance Cards be furnished to Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, countersigned by the Grand Secretary of this body, at the price of Five Dollars per hundred, and until the date above named the present price be charged.

As regards the second subject, the committee report that from information received from the introducer of the resolution adopted at last session, relative to that subject, it was to require of the Grand Treasurer a statement of his accounts, in form, as appears on page 696, proceedings Annual Session, 1844, to be printed with the Grand Secretary's annual report, at the opening of the session. The present statement made by the Grand Secretary is approved of.

The third subject, relative to the Engraving and Printing of the Cards, the committee would state that a contract was made with Bro. J. Hufty, of Philadelphia, to furnish the cards for \$40 per 1000, and \$200 for the plates, the bill of which was found correct and recommended for payment in a former report.

The fourth subject, relative to a further supply of Degree Books, the present edition being exhausted, the committee consider it inexpedient, as the revised work is to go into operation on the first of January next.

The fifth and last subject, "providing some substitute for the great decrease in revenue," has received that consideration its importance demanded, and the committee are satisfied that the income of the present year will meet the expenses, provided the price of Cards be fixed as recommended, and that the Charge and Degree Books be charged as heretofore. To provide for the permanent revenue for this body requires, in the opinion of your committee, an amendment to the Constitution, which will be submitted in proper form. If adopted at the next session, that body will be better qualified to determine what then shall be the fixed prices for Cards, Books, &c., as the direct tax will meet all the current expenses of the body.

The undersigned propose the following amendment to Article XII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, viz:

Strike from Article XII, page 19, ninth line, the figure "2," and insert "4," in lieu thereof.

The following resolutions are submitted for approval.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
JAMES M. FORD,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS.

Resolved, That from and after the first of January, 1846, all cards, visiting or clearance, issued by subordinate lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the price recommended for the same in the report be approved of.

Resolved, That in case any lodge or Encampment shall have on hand at the time specified in the above resolution, cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary on their delivery at his office be directed to furnish proper cards in their place.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby directed to furnish to the Grand Secretary a statement of his accounts, in form, as appears on page 696 Proceedings Annual Session, 1844, to accompany the Grand Secretary's annual report.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to print an edition of the present Degree Books.

A division of the resolutions accompanying the report, was called for.

Pending the question on the first resolution, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8½ o'clock .

THURSDAY, 8½ o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the adjournment, being the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee on Finance, directing that all cards of clearance and visiting should be signed by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and fixing the price at \$6 25 per hundred until the first day of January, 1846, and at \$5 per hundred thereafter.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out the sum of "\$5," and to insert the sum of "\$12" per hundred.

Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, moved to insert "\$4" per hundred

Whereupon, Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the question was put in the following form: "Shall the main question now be put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee on Finance?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, accompanying the report of the committee, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, believing that the subjoined modified resolution leaves the largest possible scope for supervision of the acts of subordinates, by their respective Grand Lodges, recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that when a brother of a subordinate lodge has been suspended or expelled, and appeals from the decision of his subordinate lodge to a state Grand Lodge, on the ground of "informality or want of fairness," said Grand Lodge has not the power to grant a new trial unless informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, or new testimony be discovered.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
FREDERICK CROSWELL,
STAATS S. MORRIS.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subjoined resolutions, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring from D. D. Grand Sires a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the Grand Master of the state in which such Deputies may reside, for the faithful execution of their financial trusts."

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider whether the probable expenditure of this Grand Lodge will admit of a reduction of the amount required of subordinate lodges by removal of the per centage from any part of their receipts."

Respectfully report, that they have considered the same and offer the following for approval.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
JAMES M. FORD,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS.

Resolved, That the D. D. Grand Sires be and are hereby required to give to the Grand Lodge of the United States a joint and several bond, with two sureties in the sum of five hundred dollars, previous to entering upon the duties of their office, to be approved of by the Grand Sire, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office.

Resolved, That the present condition of the finances of this Grand Lodge will not admit of a reduction of any part of the per centage now required of subordinate lodges and Encampments on their receipts.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of John C. Bull, of Kentucky, for a reduction on the amount of his bill for purchase of Covenants, Vols. 1, 2, & 3, have examined the subject, and from all the information they have been able to collect, it appears that so far as the acts of the officer of this body in the sale of the work appear, they were just, and for the best interests of this Grand Lodge. But, as your committee consider by the reading of the resolution authorizing the sale of the volumes alluded to, it was the intention of the Grand Lodge that the binding was to be included in the price named, they would recommend the subjoined resolution for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
JAMES M. FORD,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS.

Resolved, That the sum of Ninety Dollars be deducted from the amount now due from John C. Bull, to be divided on the notes when paid.

On motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, to amend the resolution accompanying the report, by striking out the sum of "\$90," and substituting the sum of "\$180," it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, to strike out the sum of "\$90," and substitute the sum of "\$135," it was resolved in the negative.

The question then recurring on the report of the Committee on Finance, the report and resolution accompanying the same were adopted.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to dispose of the Arkansas funds now in his hands, to the best advantage.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated in addition to the salary heretofore affixed for the Grand Treasurer, for the coming year, and the sum of Fifteen Dollars be appropriated to the Grand Messenger, for extra services, Special Session.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the second resolution was amended by striking out the sum of "\$15" and inserting the sum of "\$30."

On motion of Rep. Montgomery, of New Hampshire, the resolutions as amended, were adopted.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution, which was considered and rejected :

Resolved, That from and after the expiration of the present term of office, no appointed officer shall receive any compensation other than his actual expenses while in the city of Baltimore, attending the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Day, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge close this Annual Session on or before 12 o'clock this night.

Rep. Egan, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction with a sufficient number of blank certificates, in the form of the one prescribed in Article X. of the Constitution, for the use of the Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Churchill, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That any subordinate lodge has full power to cite any member of the Order within their jurisdiction, that is in possession of a final or withdrawal card, who has been guilty of any conduct, within such jurisdiction, which would subject him to punishment in such Lodge, if he were a member thereof, and if found guilty, to impose such punishment as the laws of such lodge may prescribe.

Rep. Morris, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was concurred in :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to send a copy of the Daily Journal to each member of this Grand Lodge immediately after the close of the session.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, from the Committee on Revision, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That so soon as the revised edition of the Lectures, Charges, &c. is in readiness, the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary shall forward to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments such number of copies as they may respectively require ; and it shall be the duty of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to collect the outstanding copies of the former editions of the Charges, Lectures, &c., and forward the same as early as practicable to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, recommending the appointment of D. D. Grand Sires in all the states.

On motion, the amendment proposed to Article XVIII of By-Laws, by the report, was taken up by sections.

The 1st section being under consideration, on motion to adopt the same, the yeas and nays were called, and appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Rep's Parmenter, Drew, Moore, Magruder, McIntyre, Day, 2 votes ; Brown, of Indiana, Croswell, Brittan, Williamson, Williams, 2 votes ; Deering, 2 votes ; Gilley, Kneass, Shaffner, Morris, Montgomery, 2 votes ; Devotion—22.

NAYS.—Rep's Thompson, Holden, Egan, 2 votes ; Browne, of Pennsylvania, 2 votes ; Snelbaker, 2 votes ; Whittall, McCabe, Ford, Forbes, Davis, Seymour, Porter, White, 2 votes ; Marley, McGowan, Churchill, Robinson, Hinkle—22.

The Grand Lodge being equally divided, the Chair, D. Grand Sire Case presiding, determined by his vote the motion in the affirmative.

Rep. McCabe, of Virginia, moved that the residue of the amendment proposed to Article XVIII. of the By-Laws, be indefinitely postponed, which was resolved in the negative.

The 2d section of the amended By-Law proposed by the committee was considered and adopted.

The 3d section was considered and adopted.

The 4th section was considered and rejected.

The 5th section was considered and adopted.

The 6th section being under consideration, on motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, was amended by striking out of the same all after the word "officer" in the second line, and as amended, was adopted.

The 7th section being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Snelbaker, of Ohio, it was amended by striking out the words following "if there be any such" in the second line, and as amended, was adopted.

The 8th section was considered and adopted.

The 9th section being under consideration, it was, on motion, amended by striking out all after the word "Encampments" in the second line, and as amended, adopted.

The 10th and last section was considered and adopted.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order having been so amended as to obviate the objections of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky; he be allowed to change his vote on the first proposition.

Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the absence of a member of any state Grand Lodge, on duty as a Representative in this body, is a sufficient reason for releasing him from any disqualification that he may have incurred by reason of absence from his seat in any other office that he may hold in his Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby required to execute a bond in the sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the faithful performance of his trust.

Rep. Thompson, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, who have not already received them, be presented with copies of volumes 1 and 2, of the Covenant.

On motion of Rep. Hinkle, of Kentucky, it was

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to M. W. G. Sire Sherlock and R. W. D. G. Sire Case, for the impartiality, courtesy, and ability, with which they have presided over the deliberations of this body during the present session.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the brethren of the Order in Baltimore, for the courtesy and hospitality displayed by them at the Levee, towards the members of this body.

On motion, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was directed to cause 2500 copies of the Journal to be printed for distribution. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Elective Officers for the present Term.

P. G. M. THOMAS SHERLOCK, of Ohio, M. W. Grand Sire.

P. G. M. ALBERT CASE, of Massachusetts, R. W. D. Grand Sire.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

P. G. M. ANDREW E. WARNER, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Appointments by the Grand Sire of D. D. Grand Sires, for 1845-6.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	RESIDENCE.
WILLIAM R. SMITH,	Maine, N. Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.	Augusta, Me.
DAVID PHILBRICK,	New Hampshire,	Nassau.
ALBERT GUILD,	Massachusetts,	Boston.
JAMES WOOD,	Rhode Island,	Providence.
MARSHALL C. HOLMES,	New Jersey,	Trenton.
FREDERICK CROSWELL,	Connecticut,	New Haven.
CHARLES MCGOWAN,	New York,	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES,	Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia.
A. S. KELLOGG,	Michigan,	Detroit.
RICHARD MARLEY,	Maryland,	Baltimore.
JAMES M. FORD,	Virginia,	Richmond.
ALEX. McRAE,	North Carolina,	Wilmington.
WYLIE WILLIAMS.	Georgia & Florida,	Columbus, Ga.
I. D. WILLIAMSON,	Alabama,	Mobile.
W. F. TANNEHILL,	Tenn. & Arkansas,	Memphis.
G. B. ALLEN,	Missouri,	St. Louis.
T. H. TAYLOR,	Indiana,	Madison.
J. B. HINKLE,	Kentucky,	Louisville.
JOHN G. POTTS,	Illinois in part, and Iowa & Wisconsin,	Galena, Ill.
W. DUANE WILSON,	Illinois in part, and Wisconsin,	Milwaukie.
STEPHEN C. SEWALL,	Canada,	Montreal.
J. DE CORDOVA,	Texas,	Galveston.

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1845.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Sub-ordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Fam. Relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Bro's.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for education of Or-phans.	Amount paid for burying the dead	Total amount of Relief.
G. L. of Maryland.	Baltimore,	Md.,	26	1150	187	6	485	13	\$ 23,215 90	4065	414	63	24	\$4,738 06	\$1,718 06	1,206 36	1,236 25	\$ 8,898 73
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.,	78	4043	37	15	309	2	86,269 20	8254	933	22	24	13,486 14	711 34	50 00	1,261 24	15,508 72
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.,	161	5150	813	31	1470	9	123,850 18	16,498	2645	142	119	41,180 06	3,589 91	282 25	5,305 90	50,358 12
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.,	97	3163	271	80	1201	...	36,769 81	8,786	1147	186	67	11,228 28	1,224 97	39 50	2,364 41	14,857 16
" Dist. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.,	11	314	60	5	210	9	7,720 17	1,111	211	15	11	2,176 00	256 31	199 35	384 60	3,016 26
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.,	5	85	13	1	56	9	2,175 00	286	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	34	774	94	39	400	6	17,283 03	2551	...	...	...	3,580 22	296 50	5 00	324 72	4,206 44
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.,	6	73	2	2	45	5	3,059 75	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.,	29	433	72	7	208	8	12,440 10	1,792	228	5	13	1,340 41	1,008 95	40 25	487 50	2,877 11
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.,	19	213	44	4	219	5	7,743 58	796	93	13	9	1,591 00	185 00	43 00	235 00	2,054 00
" Virginia,	Richmond,	Va.,	22	190	18	8	386	5	6,727 99	1,546	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Indiana,	Madison,	Ind.,	21	177	33	12	168	7	6,906 58	489	45	4	13	1,092 42	142 00	316 21	180 00	1,730 63
" Mississippi,	Natchez,	Miss.,	1	146	46	8	139	...	5,839 58	637	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Missouri,	St. Louis,	Mo.,	13	207	36	1	118	4	6,383 32	578	102	...	3	1,688 18	...	68 33	477 75	2,204 26
" Illinois,	Springfield,	Ill.,	9	32	20	6	39	2	930 30	223	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Connecticut,	New Haven,	Conn.,	22	809	58	9	179	5	17,255 29	2,587	368	6	7	5,013 72	135 00	80 50	187 54	5,336 26
" Tennessee,	Nashville,	Tenn.,	9	165	12	4	71	4	574 09	471	27	2	1	599 85	73 28	...	150 00	906 13
" Texas,	Houston,	Texas,	2	9	4	...	15	2	229 14	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. C.,	11	316	2	98	106	2	13,510 21	1,565	115	6	8	2,506 33	285 00	565 00	297 50	3,653 83
" Alabama,	Mobile,	Ala.,	9	268	25	3	50	2	6,332 64	563	7	4	6	130 00	113 00	7 00	50 00	300 00
" North Carolina,	Wilmington,	N. C.,	4	86	2	3	29	...	2,590 64	324	19	4	2	278 22	100 00	35 25	40 00	453 47
" Georgia,	Savannah,	Ga.,	10	379	37	14	64	1	10,272 04	1,108	103	3	10	1,729 00	179 50	222 50	306 50	2,437 50
" Maine,	Portland,	Me.,	30	1925	6	3	108	2	29,476 60	3,435	306	1	8	3,673 75	54 00	125 00	402 00	4,254 75
" Rhode Island,	Providence,	R. I.,	9	732	2	5	40	1	1,125 51	1,055	40	...	3	594 40	...	...	100 00	694 00
" New Hampshire,	Concord,	N. H.,	11	800	...	...	41	...	10,953 00	1,142	69	...	...	692 00	...	...	...	692 00
" Prince of Wales,	Fredegar,	S. Wales	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Michigan,	Detroit,	Mich.,	9	430	...	1	17	...	5,280 32	628	12	...	1	105 00	...	...	30 00	105 00
" Province of Canada,	Montreal,	Canada,	5	532	...	...	...	...	8,445 28	666	24	...	...	735 75	...	...	...	765 75
" Arkansas,	Little Rock,	Ark.,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Wisconsin,	...	...	3	114	...	...	...	...	1,234 84	265	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Iowa,	...	...	4	54	...	...	...	...	649 50	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Florida,	...	...	2	14	...	...	...	...	459 19	48	...	...	...	50 75	...	...	...	50 75
" Vermont,	...	...	2	21	...	...	...	...	274 95	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			686	22,894	2005	365	6173	107	\$455,977 24	61,853	6903	476	329	98,179 54	\$10,072 82	3,285 50	13,820 91	125,361 27

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., for the year ending September, 1845.

ENCAMPMENTS.		Where held.	States.	No. of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Relief.	Remarks.
G. E. of Maryland,	No. 1,	Baltimore,	Md.,	6	70	....	2	2,078 47	976	1,424 00	
" New York,	" 2,	New York,	N. Y.,	22	437	77	..	8,221 92	1248	2,192 80	
" Ohio,	" 3,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	8	85	17	3	2,036 54	328	.....
" Kentucky,	" 1,	Louisville,	Ky.,	5	15	2	..	204 26	75	16 00	
" Pennsylvania,	" 2,	Philadelphia,	Penn.,	18	245	20	1	3,357 57	846	1,095 02	
" Virginia,	" 1,	Portsmouth,	Va.,	10	28	5	..	989 64	237	.....
" Connecticut,	" 2,	New Haven,	Conn.,	9	133	....	..	1,930 70	283	.....
" New Jersey,	" 1,	Newark,	N. J.,	11	88	1	..	1,234 92	388	.....
" South Carolina,	" 1,	Charleston,	S. C.,	4	29	....	1	706 00	153	.....
" Massachusetts,	" 1,	Boston,	Mass.,	13	415	2	1	6,190 05	724	798 14	
Columbian,	" 2,	Washington,	D. C.,	3	23	2	..	635 94	127	.....
Marley,	" 3,	Alexandria,			8	2	..	218 85	72	.....
Mount Pisgah,	" 1,	Georgetown,	La.,	2	29	....	..	327 37	42	.....
Willey,	" 2,	N. Orleans,			13	....	1	195 43	36	.....
Louisiana,	" 1,	Bayou Sara,	Del.,	1	4	....	..	103 00	11	.....
Delaware,	" 1,	Wilmington,			18	....	1	168 43	44	.....
Mount Ararat,	" 1,	Mobile,	Ala.,	1	6	6	..	180 00	17	.....
Willey,	" 1,	Natchez,	Miss.,	2	2	15	..	148 00	33	.....
Vicksburg,	" 2,	Vicksburg,			....	....	..	.....	.....	No Rep.	
Chockraw,	" 3,	Jackson,	Mo.,	2	2	....	..	61 50	9	.....
Willey,	" 1,	St. Louis,			8	2	..	112 56	40	.....
Frontier,	" 2,	Wes'on,	Ind.,	2	1	....	..	36 91	14	.....
Willey,	" 2,	Madison,			6	....	..	85 00	21	.....
Bethel,	" 3,	Lawrenceb'g	Tenn.,	3	13	....	..	122 00	21	.....
Ridley,	" 1,	Nashville,			1	....	..	42 75	18	.....
Washington,	" 2,	Columbia,	N. C.,	2	4	....	..	84 00	12	.....
Gayosa,	" 3,	Memphis,			29	....	..	499 37	27	.....
Campbell,	" 1,	Wilmington,	Ga.,	5	8	....	..	145 22	39	.....	No Rep.
Bain,	" 2,	Murfreesb'h			....	....	..	.....	.....
Magnolia,	" 1,	Savannah,	Canada,	1	28	1	..	471 45	86	.....
Ocmulgee,	" 2,	Macon,			14	2	..	194 18	40	.....
Franklin,	" 3,	"	Mich.,	2	9	....	..	156 75	39	.....
Chattahoochie,	" 4,	Columbus,			6	....	..	101 39	25	.....
Augusta,	" 5,	Augusta,	Me.,	7	37	....	1	370 70	36	.....
Hochelaga,	" 1,	Montreal,			10	....	..	126 75	24	.....
Michigan,	" 1,	Detroit,	Ill.,	1	28	....	..	946 50	96	.....
Marshall,	" 2,	Marshall,			11	....	..	134 75	12	.....
Machegoinne,	" 1,	Portland,	N. H.,	5	75	....	..	492 00	58	.....
Eastern Star,	" 2,	"			55	....	..	724 00	121	.....
Katahdn,	" 3,	Bangor,	Ill.,	1	32	....	..	406 00	50	.....	1 R. due
Sangamore,	" 4,	Augusta,			52	....	..	656 50	59	.....
Hobah,	" 5,	Saco,	N. H.,	5	27	....	..	350 96	28	.....
Sagadahock,	" 6,	Bath,			11	....	..	156 00	16	.....
Churchill,	" 7,	Thomaston,	N. H.,	1	7	....	..	84 00	10	.....
Narraganset,	" 1,	Providence,			78	1	..	956 75	96	.....
Nashoonow,	" 1,	Nashua,	N. H.,	5	10	....	..	126 00	42	.....
Woolanset,	" 2,	Manchester,			8	....	..	99 44	31	.....
Penacoke,	" 3,	Concord,	Ill.,	1	21	....	..	205 18	26	.....
Quocheco,	" 4,	Dover,			54	....	..	540 00	53	.....
Srawberry Bank,	" 5,	Portsmouth,	Ill.,	1	26	....	..	284 75	33	.....
Illinois,	" 3,	Chicago,			25	....	..	290 88	25	.....
				146	2128	155	11	37,977 43	6847	5 525 96	

Suspensions and Expulsions from Encampments.

MARYLAND.—Expulsions.—No. 1, William Weaver; No. 3, T. D. Henderson. improper conduct.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Suspension.—No. 4, Daniel Cady. Improper conduct.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Expulsion.—3, T. V. Hyde. Improper conduct.

LOUISIANA.—Expulsion.—No. 1, Christopher O'Brien. Improper conduct.

DELAWARE.—Expulsion.—No. 1, W. H. T. Barnes. Improper conduct.

TENNESSEE.—Expulsion.—No. 2, J. Andrews. Retailing spirituous liquors.*

GEORGIA.—Expulsions.—No. 2, T. Deckimon; 5, R. Clark. Improper conduct.

* This, of itself, is no offence against the laws of the Order.—C. S.

Suspensions and Expulsions from Lodges.

MARYLAND.

Suspensions.—W. G. Lancaster, L. O. Nilles, J. B. McCormick, Wm. L. Caldwell, Jesse Shultz, John M. Jordan, Evan Morris, John Davis. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Adam Drew, Joseph Young, James H. Berwick, Charles Thomas. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Suspensions.—Lodges Nos. 7, Geo. Young; 10, D. W. E. Peabody; 12, Daniel Burbank; 13, Lewis Babcock; 15, Pardow Williams; 20, E. Tufts; 22, P. H. Burnham; 28, W. H. Kimball; 40, H. B. Dillingham; 43, Benj. C. Knowles; 50, James Corbley; 58, S. B. Everett. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 2, W. W. Best, H. M. L. Whitman; 10, Edwin Buckman, James Merrill, H. N. Bradley; 15, E. N. Chipman; 20, W. C. White; 23, Otis N. Butler; 32, Wm. F. Bulkley; 36, M. N. S. Collins; 37, James H. Eddy; 53, Franklin Ruggles, F. W. Hayes. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

NEW YORK.

Suspensions.—Lodges Nos. 1, Samuel S. Smith; 5, John M. Dexter; 13, B. Hassman; 14, H. A. Mertens; 23, M. McKimm; 33, Edgar Pray; 38, M. H. Tompkins; 43, Joze M. Boves; 52, F. Bohmer and Mark Wacker; 53, Anthony Christian; 58, Alex. Lattar; 59, Henry H. Brewer; 69, E. A. Stillman; 70, C. B. Johnson; 74, James Hoey; 79, H. H. Harrington; 92, John Byron; 94, George Farmer; 100, John B. Cooley; 105, Stephen Ricker; 148, John C. Homem. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 8, Walter Taylor; 16, Daniel Ruth, John Englehart, Moses Lindenstien, Isaac Frank; 21, Peter Sutherland, Charles Crithley; 25, William T. Martin; 27, James E. Nutt; 28, H. Vincent; 30, Patrick Culhane; 31, Charles S. Baldwin; 46, Befour Cragie; 53, Anthony Christian; 54, Johnathan Woodard, George Pardo; 59, Thomas S. Parker; 65, Gabriel P. Adams, John Southworth; 69, Henry P. Hopper; 81, W. H. Barroll; 89, Thomas N. Gregory; 96, John J. Sutton; 99, John Mills; 104, Joel Sedgwick; 105, U. Burwick, James F. Esty; 106, William K. Crooks; 110, Chauncy O. Weret; 123, William Hollister; 131, Homer Schanck. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspensions.—Lodges Nos. 10, Wm. Ert, George Somers; 19, George Downs, Geo. F. Morrey; 55, D. Vanloon; 74, Joshua Kroll; 85, Peter H. Kaiser, Henry Groff; 87, W. Reilly; 90, Jonathan Peal; 91, Charles Port; 92, Joseph Weaver; 97, Jas. Startford. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 2, Wm. Press; 7, Gotleib Hohn; 15, Jas. M. Moore; 18, George Anderson; 21, Jacob Koffer; 57, James Beck; 58, Job Nicholas; 62, John McGivley; 65, Evan Davis; 68, John Mullin; 75, Francis Kubler; 80, Daniel Herd; 82, A. G. Umberger; 83, N. Groffelder; 85, N. F. Hyer; 97, Chas. Stratford, W. E. Fowler. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 9, John H. Davis, John Mills; 13, Henry Payne, Jacob Pacco. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

OHIO.—Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 3, G. W. Manual, Chester Kerr; 10, F. A. Vaintree. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

LOUISIANA.—Expulsion.—Lodge No. 3, Jackson Oliver. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

DELAWARE.—Expulsion.—Lodge No. 1, W. H. T. Barnes. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

NEW JERSEY.

Suspensions.—Lodges Nos. 8, John L. Ward; 9, Edward L. White; 20, Tunis Aumerock; 22, John S. Copeland, Thomas B. Venable, H. N. Bostwick, E. Hawkins; 27, Henry Disbrow. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 6, Nathaniel Morton; 7, D. Smith, C. M. Pivot, Geo. Wilson; 19, Wm. Bowers; 22, Charles Hunt, Jacob E. Fiery. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

KENTUCKY.—Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 4, M. S. Ellis; 6, Theo. Farmer, Geo. Witzger. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

INDIANA.

Suspension.—Lodge No. 9, John Hinkle. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 8, George Ross; 11, H. Rudd, Mathias Gruner. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

MISSISSIPPI.

Suspensions.—Lodges Nos. 8, Michael Cotton; 11, H. Pomeroy. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 2, W. G. Farris; 3, Michael Day. C. R. Preyminski; 6, Robert Hunter. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

ILLINOIS.—Expulsion.—John D. Strickland. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

CONNECTICUT.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 1, J. J. Van York; 2, Andrew P. Potter, J. G. Spars; 5, John Raine, James Arthur; 7, Geo. L. Price; 9, David W. Cornwall; 10, Edward Hill, Isaac T. Hunt. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

TENNESSEE.—Expulsions.—Lodge No. 2, John Miller and William Carpenter. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Suspension.—Lodge No. 5, T. B. Blackenstein. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges Nos. 4, Benjamin I. Vinarjer; 6, G. W. Hopkins; 10, H. Slawson, jr. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

ALABAMA.

Suspensions.—James McCurry, E. Salomon, Samuel D. McCay, B. W. Bell, D. D. Briggs. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, Alexander McCormick, H. J. Hawkins; 9, H. B. Parrot. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

RHODE ISLAND.

Suspensions.—Lodge No. 2, James Bovie, Abraham Fletcher. Improper Conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodge No. 2, Thomas W. Smith, Thomas Scott, James Barber, William Hawes, Olney Winsor. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

To D. D. Grand Sires, Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes, and Secretaries and Scribes of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction.

These Officers will please notice and conform, without fail, to the following laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz :

“That the fiscal year of this Grand Lodge commence on the first day of July, and terminate on the 30th June.”

“That the charters of all subordinate lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fail to make their returns for four successive quarters, shall be forfeited, and that whenever such remissness occurs, the Grand Sire take proper measures to reclaim the same.”

“That D. D. Grand Sires be required to report quarterly with their dues, *particularly designating* what lodge or Encampment is to be credited.”

“That from and after the first of January, 1846, cards, visiting or clearance, issued by subordinate lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the price recommended for the same in the report of the Committee on Finance, be approved of.”

“That in case any lodge or Encampment, shall have on hand at the the time specified in the above resolution, cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary on their delivery at his office, be directed to furnish proper Cards in their place.”

The undersigned takes this public occasion of communicating this information to all whom it may concern.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

From D. D. G. Sire Guild.

Boston, July 28th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I herewith transmit the annual report of my doings up to June 30th, 1845, together with the reports of the several Encampments in this jurisdiction.

On the 30th day of October, 1844, assisted by P. H. P. Wm. H. Jones, I instituted Quocheco Encampment, No. 4, at Dover, New Hampshire, after which the following officers were elected and installed, viz: Samuel H. Parker, C. P.; E. O. Lawton, H. P.; Jonathan Cutter, S. W.; Wm. Tredick, Scribe; B. Keith, J. W., and N. Demerit, Treasurer. Three brothers initiated.

On the 26th of November, 1844, assisted by Bro. J. R. Mullen, instituted "Penacoke Encampment, No. 3," at Concord, New Hampshire, and installed the following officers, viz: Nathaniel B. Baker, C. P.; Lewis Downing, H. P.; Stephen Brown, S. W.; J. Sargent Scribe; William Walker, jr., Treas., and Thomas White, S. W. Eight brothers initiated.

September 6th, 1844, instituted "Wonolanset Encampment, No. 2," at Manchester, New Hampshire, and installed the following officers, viz: Walter French, C. P.; Charles Wills, H. P.; Isaiah Winch, S. W.; I. G. Cilley, Scribe; J. C. Flanders, Treas., and J. T. P. Hunt, J. W. Eight brothers initiated.

January 2d, 1845, installed the Officers of Nashoonow Encampment, No. 1, for the second term, at Nashua, New Hampshire.

January 4th, 1845, installed the officers of Narraganset Encampment, No. 1, for the second term, at Providence, Rhode Island.

January 24th, 1845, installed the officers of Wonoianset Encampment, No. 2, for the second term, at Manchester, New Hampshire.

February 28th, 1845. On the receipt of the Dispensation for opening "Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5," at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, I proceeded to the place of location, and after the Encampment was instituted the following officers were elected and installed, viz: George W. Fowle, C. P.; George W. Montgomery, H. P.; Joseph Cheever, S. W.; Emerson Shurburne, Scribe; David Moulton, Treas., and James M. Locke, jr. J. W. Fourteen brothers initiated.

May 13th, 1845. On the receipt of the Dispensation for opening Mos-hassuck Encampment, No. 2," at Providence, Rhode Island, I proceeded to the place of location, instituted the Encampment and installed the fol-

lowing officers, viz: Robert H. Barton, C. P.; Asa W. Davis, H. P.; J. A. Smith, S. W.; N. R. Arnold, Scribe; J. H. Watson, Treas.; J. Anable, J. W., and S. K. Davis, I. G. Seventeen brothers initiated.

There are now five Subordinate Encampments in the state of New Hampshire; 185 members, and 7 P. C. P's. Revenue for the last term, \$1255 37; per centage due Grand Lodge, \$125 51.

Two Encampments in the state of Rhode Island. Narraganset Encampment, No. 1, has 96 members. Revenue for the last term, \$956 75; per centage due Grand Lodge, \$95 67. No. 2, just organized.

I have not received relief reports from any of the Encampments, but will endeavor to obtain them forthwith.

All of the above Encampments are in a prosperous condition, and deserve great credit for their unwearied exertions in trying to perfect themselves in the rules, work, and true principles of the Order; and believe me, sir, the work goes bravely on in the New England states. The state of New Hampshire has at this time 11 subordinate lodges, a Grand Lodge, and 5 Encampments, and have petitioned the Grand Lodge of the United States to grant them a charter for a Grand Encampment.

The state of Rhode Island has 9 subordinate lodges, a Grand Lodge, and 2 Encampments; and on the 19th of June last showed in some measure the number of members who were willing to come out and show to the world that they were Odd Fellows not merely in name, but indeed, bound by the solemn ties to do all in their power to ameliorate the condition of mankind through life—and may they never lose sight of the lone star which shall guide them until they arrive at the Celestial Lodge above.

Truly yours, in F., L., & T.,

ALBERT GUILD.

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Moore.

WASHINGTON, July 15th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother:

A view of the reports of the several lodges and Encampments of the District of Columbia, for the year which terminates with the beginning of the present month, will exhibit the gratifying information that here, as I believe to be the case everywhere else within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Order of Odd-Fellowship so continues to advance in the confidence of the people as to add a very large annual increase to the number of its members. From my opportunity of observing the movements of the fraternity throughout the country, I know that I hazard nothing in saying that its progress within a few years past has exceeded that of any benevolent and moral institution that has sprung up during this or any other age.

In this District there are but three Encampments under the special care of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose work during the year may be summed up as follows:

Columbian Encampment No. 1, located at Washington, has initiated 24, reinstated 2, admitted by card 1, and suspended 2. She now has 127 members, and all of them but two exalted to the highest degree. Her receipts have been \$635 95. The officers have been regularly and duly installed.

Marley Encampment, No. 2, located at Alexandria, has initiated 10, granted withdrawal cards to 7, suspended 1, and lost one by death. She now has 72 contributing members, nearly all of the highest degree, and received during the year, \$218 85. The officers were duly installed.

“Mount Pisgah Encampment, No. 3,” located at Georgetown, has initiated 29, admitted by card 3, dropped 1, and granted a clearance card to 1. She now has 42 members, all except one having been exalted to the highest degree, and her receipts have been \$327 37.

The officers for the first term of less than nine months were, Levin Jones, C. P. ; William B. Magruder, H. P. ; J. W. Byram, S. W. ; F. A. Lutz, J. W. ; J. L. Simms, Scribe ; Thomas Jewell, Treasurer.

Mount Pisgah Encampment was opened by me in October last, by virtue of a dispensation originally granted to twelve applicants. Therefore the preceding report embraces a period of less than nine months—from which you will discover that this Encampment, as well as her two sisters in this little District, are all in a thriving condition ; and what I am sure will add to the agreeableness of the information herewith communicated, is the fact that a harmony beautifully consistent with the objects of the Order pervades its operations in all its branches.

The work of the subordinate lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of this District, during the year, may be briefly recapitulated as follows: Initiations 314 ; rejections 32 ; admitted by card 66 ; withdrawn 76 ; suspensions 60 ; reinstated 20 ; expulsions 6 ; deaths 11. Whole number of contributing members 1,111 ; Past Grands 210. It is worthy of remark that most all the contributing members are of the scarlet degree—a reality consequent upon a By-Law of the Grand Lodge which was adopted in the infancy of the Order.

The gross revenue received into the subordinate lodges during the year has been \$7,720 17 ; which, added to that of the Encampments, gives a total of nearly \$9,000 00. I have not at hand full reports of the amount paid by the Encampments for the relief of members and of widows, but the sum paid for these purposes, and for the schooling of orphans, by the lodges alone, is upwards of \$3,000 00.

Besides what is above stated, it will no doubt be a gratification for you to learn that we are now building a very handsome edifice in the centre of Washington, for the use of the lodges which assemble in that neighborhood. This building fronts on one of the most public streets sixty-five feet, with a depth of ninety feet, and will be three stories high. The brethren in the eastern part of the city erected a commodious building two or three years ago, and those at Alexandria, about the same time, completed a very large and convenient structure, which is devoted to their exclusive use.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM W. MOORE.

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Parsons.

SAVANNAH, July 12th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I received my commission, and on the 1st of October last entered on the duties of my office. Circumstances requiring me to leave my post for a short time, I find myself under the necessity of making up this, my annual report, at an earlier day than I could have desired—the reports up to first instant not having all come in. I trust, however, that this will be no detriment to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, as I have made arrangements to have them forwarded to your office on their arrival here.

January 25th, received warrant to open Augusta Encampment, No. 5, Augusta, Georgia. On the 1st of February met the applicants at Masonic Hall, Augusta, and, assisted by P. C. P. J. R. Johnson, of Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, (to whom I feel myself under many obligations for his valuable services) the usual ceremonies were observed, the officers installed, and Augusta Encampment, No. 5, was proclaimed legally instituted, and the officers formally installed. Officers for the term, Samuel C. Wilson, C. P.; Robert Austin, H. P.; James Adams, S. W.; C. A. Platt, J. W.; Robert Clarke, Scribe; R. S. Dill, Treasurer; Stewart Beggs, Guardian. For a more particular account you can refer to my report of the 8th of February, which I forwarded to your office.

I have not been able to visit the lodges in Florida. They have many difficulties to contend with, incidental to a new country; and the brethren there are entitled to much credit. They have reported promptly, and paid their dues at an early day, all which has been regularly forwarded to your office.

From my favorable location, I am able frequently to see Patriarchs from the different Encampments in this state, (Georgia,) and I am happy in being able to say that they are all doing well. The Patriarchal car of Odd-Fellowship is being filled with men of high moral character and influence; and being propelled by F. L. & T., she rolls boldly and bravely on.

On the night of the 2d of March, Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, met with a sad disaster. The room in which it held its meetings was entirely destroyed by fire. The fire made such rapid progress that not a single article was saved. It lost its charter, books, and regalia, with all its fixtures. Loss about three hundred and fifty dollars. An application was immediately made out to have the charter and books replaced, which I forwarded to your office, and received in return a dispensation, under which they now work. The Encampment has again supplied itself with a good set of regalia and fixtures, which, however, has been a heavy drain on the treasury.

July 2d. This being regular installation night in Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, I made an official visit, and, assisted by the past officers, I installed into their respective chairs the officers for the present term. Books, &c; correct. This Encampment initiated during the last term 28; whole number of contributing members 86.

It is expected that the several Encampments in this state will apply for a charter for a Grand Encampment at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The whole amount of money received by me for the Grand Lodge, including 750 visiting and clearance cards, has been \$174 61, for which I hold the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary's receipt.

Most respectfully yours, in F., L., & T.,

E. PARSONS.

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Dicks.

NATCHEZ, July 25th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

In obedience to the requisitions of the honorable body over which you preside, and in conformity to the duties of my office, I herewith transmit you a statement, so far as I am apprised, of the condition of the lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, embracing a period since the last session of the Grand Lodge to the present time. My business being such for the past year as to preclude me the pleasure of making a tour, or to allow me to visit all the lodges and Encampments embraced in this district, I consequently did not make my reports quarterly. This, with but little matters to report upon, is my apology for not having done so.

In the month of October last, I forwarded to your office an application, signed by D. N. Barrows and others, members of Capitol Lodge, No. 11, at Jackson, in this state, for a dispensation to organize Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, in that place. The dispensation reached me on the 16th of December following, when I immediately deputed P. G. M. R. Griffeth, of the city of Vicksburgh, to institute said Encampment. He having empowered P. C. P. Foster Lightcap to perform that duty, he proceeded to Jackson, and on the 21st day of December, 1844, regularly instituted said Encampment; after which the following officers were elected and installed, to wit: W. H. Allen, C. P.; Wm. H. Brown, H. P.; R. L. Dixon, S. W.; N. W. Camp, Scribe; D. H. Otto, Treasurer. It gives me pleasure to add, that the character of the brothers at Jackson is a guarantee that the progress of the Patriarchal branch of the Order at that place must be onward. Wildey Encampment, No. 1, in this city, progresses steadily. It is composed of some of our most worthy citizens. Notwithstanding there were but few additions during the period embraced in this report, those who have become members are men of sterling worth, creating an influence that must eventually strengthen that branch of the Order, and redound to the honor of Odd-Fellowship in the South. I exceedingly regret the necessity that compels me to make known the languishing state of the Patriarchal branch at Vicksburg. Vicksburg Encampment, No. 2, from various causes, has failed to meet regularly for a period of two years. I have lately conversed with some of its members, who inform me that arrangements have been made to procure a new hall for the transaction of business, (the one they now occupy being very unpleasant in the summer season,) and that there now is a general disposition, amounting to a determination, that so soon as a comfortable place of meeting is fitted up for the use of the Order in that city, that the Encampment will be revived. I trust a favorable report may then be expected.

A short time since, at their request, I forwarded to the brothers composing Wilkinson Lodge, No. 10, at Woodville, Mississippi, a form of application, they desiring a dispensation to open an Encampment at that point. I expect to have the pleasure of transmitting to you this application soon. I have written repeatedly to Far West Lodge, No. 1, at Little Rock, Arkansas, with respect to their reports. As yet, I have received no reply. The only intelligence received from that quarter was a communication from acting Secretary, P. G. John H. Robinson, bearing date March 6th, 1845, acknowledging the receipt of the A. T. P. W., that was transmitted them in February last. He writes that "*the lodge is in a very depressed condition; yet there are still a few who hold the precepts of the Order sacred—it is but few.*"

I am pleased to state that the Order in this city, and throughout the state generally, is in a flourishing condition. The Grand Lodge held its Annual Session in this place on Monday last. (21st inst.) All the subordinate lodges had reported, showing an increase in every particular over any former reports. This Grand Lodge is now composed of 130 P. G.'s. Installed the following Grand officers for the ensuing year, to wit: J. R. Stockman, as M. W. G. M.; Thomas Reed, R. W. D. G. M.; T. A. S. Doniphan, R. W. G. W.; John H. Dicks, R. W. G. S.; C. R. Stewart, R. W. G. T.; Benjamin Walker, R. W. G. Chaplain. The annual report of this Grand Lodge; also, reports from Wildey Encampment, No. 1, and Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, are ready, and will be forwarded in a few days.

On the 11th inst. I duly installed the officers of Wildey Encampment, No. 1; Natchez.

Before bringing my report to a close, allow me to express my approbation of the work of the Order in Mississippi. The correct deportment and general good character of the members composing the various lodges, warrants me in saying that they will bear honorable rivalry with the sister lodges of any portion of our beloved country. They are clad in that moral armor which enables them to battle successfully against all opposition, and to remove every obstacle to the advancement of the principles and precepts as taught by Odd-Fellowship.

I have been chosen Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next Annual Communication, in September; when I expect to meet you, and more fully explain our condition and future prospects.

Accept my best wishes for your continued good health and prosperity, and allow me to subscribe myself,

Yours in F., L., & T.,

GEO. I. DICKS.

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq.

From D. D. G. Sire Mondelli.

NEW ORLEANS, May 8th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother:

It is with pleasure I inform you of the progress of the Order here, after a long silence on my part, which must have created in your opinion an un-

favorable idea of the career of Odd-Fellowship in this state. Notwithstanding the great and incessant difficulties the Order has had to encounter, and which have nearly prostrated it to the ground, the brotherhood have, by untiring exertions, raised again and placed it on a solid basis, and surmounted all difficulties. All the lodges are in favorable circumstances. Lately the Grand Lodge has granted a charter to open a new lodge, under the title of Crescent Lodge, No. 7, which was duly opened, and is now progressing rapidly in the increase of its worthy members. At present the number of lodges are five, four of which are within the limits of this city, and one at Bayou Sara. Wildey Encampment, No. 1, is also in a prosperous condition. Louisiana Encampment, No. 2, at Bayou Sara, has been for five years nearly in a dormant condition, having no quorum for business. Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, is daily on the increase. Washington Lodge, No. 3, although small in number, does well. Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, at Bayou Sara, is in the same condition. Union Lodge, No. 6, does well, and is on the increase. Crescent Lodge, No. 7; has continually initiations, and at every meeting additional members are made.

A petition is on the carpet for a Degree Lodge, and I believe the Grand Lodge at the next session will grant the charter without difficulty, as the petition is signed by a large number of good members and able past officers.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana is governed by able Grand Officers, who deserve great credit for their untiring zeal and activity for the prosperity of the Order in this State. A committee has been nominated for the purpose of purchasing a suitable lot of ground on which to erect a hall, which has been for some time in contemplation. I hope to see the same in operation this year. The cost of ground and building not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

I have also to report to you the lawful expulsion from Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of Patriarch Christopher O'Brien, who, after due investigation of charges against him of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in abusing the Order by threatening the C. P., officers and members of said Encampment, was solemnly expelled. I also forewarn the Order in general of spurious cards which the said O'Brien may have in his possession, as I understand he has left the city since his expulsion.

In fine, the Order is prospering in Louisiana. We have to be watchful, and guard faithfully its interests, so to give general satisfaction, and raise the Order here to the pinnacle of its prosperity.

Yours in the bonds of F., L., and T.,

A. MONDELLI.

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., Grand Sire.

P. S.—The great distance of the seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States will render this state unable, probably, to send a Representative to its Annual Communication; and unless some brother shall be called to the north on his own business, we will be again without a Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States; as our pecuniary circumstances will not admit of the use of funds for that purpose. The resolution abolishing Proxies was not, in my opinion, a favorable one; as the Order, being so much extended, a great many states are deprived of a representation

in said Grand Lodge. This is a general remark, made not only by our state, but by several others, situated, as we are, beyond the reach of their means.

I hope that, after due reflection, some provision may be made by the Grand Lodge of the United States for our relief in this respect.

A. M.

NEW ORLEANS, May 10, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

After I mailed my letter of the 8th inst., I perceived that an error existed in my report to you of the number of Lodges in Louisiana, which error has taken place by the inadvertence of missing the memorandum of the report at the time I wrote the letter; and having found it to-day, I discovered the error, which I rectify instantly.

Crescent Lodge is in New Orleans, and bears the No. 8, instead of No. 7; and Desoto Lodge, No. 7, is located at Baton Rouge, and is doing well, having been newly instituted by charter granted by our Grand Lodge, at the request of several good members residing in Baton Rouge, assisted by some brothers who visited that place from Bayou Sara and New Orleans. Desoto Lodge has been dedicated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, who installed their respective officers. By late accounts received, several initiations have been made to the Order, some of them the respectability of the place. The number of lodges then is six, instead of five, as reported.

A. MONDELLI.

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. Grand Sire Kellogg.

DETROIT, July 7th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith reports from the Encampments within this jurisdiction, to wit, Michigan Encampment, No. 1, and Marshall Encampment, No. 2, with drafts for percentage due the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It affords me pleasure to state that both Encampments are in a highly prosperous condition, that great interest is felt by the brethren in their welfare; the sessions are regularly held, and the work well done. Marshall Encampment has not increased in numbers as rapidly as was anticipated at the date of my last report, owing to the insecurity and inconvenience of their Hall; that difficulty will I am assured during the ensuing month be obviated, by removal to a beautiful and spacious Hall now nearly completed. As soon after the removal as it can be done, quite a number of brothers will be added to this branch of the Order.

Very truly in F., L., & T.,

A. S. KELLOGG.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Wilson.

DETROIT, July 23d, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I returned last evening from an official visit to Illinois Encampment, No. 3, and Milwaukie Lodge, No. 2, and I herewith enclose the first return of the former to the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the 10 per cent., which I hope you will find correct. I also transmit a copy of the By-Laws of Illinois Encampment, with some copies of its seal. An impression was tried in wax but could not be effected.

You will perceive from the report of the Encampment that it is flourishing in members, and I can add that a more respectable and worthy society of men cannot be found in the Order. The establishment of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Chicago has brought with it that prosperity to the Order and the blessings which always flow from one that is properly conducted, which may in every sense be said of this. Immediately upon its formation a new impulse was given, and applications poured in so rapidly to the subordinate lodge, that it was found necessary to open another; accordingly 16 brethren applied for a charter and were regularly established as "Duane Lodge, No. 11." The old lodge room being very inconvenient, the new lodge opened another, which for size, decorations, and comfort, is not excelled, with but one exception, between New York and Chicago. This room was dedicated some three or four weeks since, before a highly intelligent and respectable assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. Since February last the Order has more than doubled its numbers in Chicago.

The Milwaukie Lodge I found laboring under many disadvantages in regard to the work generally, but I found the officers and members anxious to receive and willing to adopt my instructions. I was there one day, the whole of which time I endeavored to devote to their use; more than one half of which being in the lodge room—the afternoon being particularly devoted to conferring degrees and instructions in that part of the work; the evening to "making" and general instructions in regard to lodge proceedings, election of candidates, &c. The presiding and other officers are intelligent practical men, and during the present quarter I expect to see an entire new era open in Odd-Fellowship in Milwaukie.

Several of the thriving towns in the vicinity of Milwaukie, will, I think, during the summer, apply for charters, two at least, which when established will entitle the territory to a Grand Lodge.

Permit me here to return my thanks to the brethren of Chicago and Milwaukie, for their very hospitable reception and kind treatment whilst among them.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WM. DUANE WILSON.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Stewart.

St. Louis, August 26th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

On 10th of February last received a petition from John D. Field and others, members of Damon Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., Hannibal, Mo., for a dispensation to open an Encampment at that point. The application being in regular form, and accompanied with the constitutional fee, I forwarded the same on the day of its receipt to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and on March 4th received the dispensation asked for.

On the 13th of the same month, assisted by Patriarch Peter C. Hoecker, opened the Encampment and installed the officers in due form, of which due notice was given.

No charge was made for the degrees conferred on the scarlet members, as information had been received that it was not customary.*

In May, received an application for a lodge to be located at Keosauqua, Iowa, and also one from Fairfield, in same territory. The petitions being in legal form, I forwarded the same to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary. On 16th June, received the dispensation for Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, and on the 30th of the same month received the dispensation for Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, at Fairfield. Those dispensations were forwarded to P. G. M. Mauro, of Burlington, Iowa, with authority from me to open said lodges.

Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, of Keosauqua, Iowa, was organized on 23d July; the officers were duly elected, and consist of the following named brothers, viz: Francis Bridgman, N. G.; James Johnson, V. G.; B. P. Marlow, Sec'ry., and J. L. Kinnersly, Treas.; all of whom were installed in solemn form. Three new members were initiated. The lodge now consists of ten members, including two P. G's. and five scarlet, besides having a number of petitions and a prospect of doing well. It affords me pleasure to say, from information received from those capable of judging, that the members generally are well versed in the Order, and are highly respectable citizens.

As Lodge No. 2 has been opened in Dubuque, Iowa, Keosauqua, No. 3, makes the chain complete, which it seems is destined to encircle the earth.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, at Fairfield, has not yet been opened on account of two of the petitioners being absent from town. As soon as this lodge is opened I will notify you of the same with the prospects, &c.

On 19th August, made an official visitation to Quincy, where I met the lodge in that thriving city, and imparted to the members such instruction as was needed. Several members manifested a great desire to take their degrees, they having been granted by the lodge, while I sojourned with them; but I advised them to wait patiently until the revised work of the Order was issued.

On my return home, I stopped at Hannibal, where I passed a few hours very pleasantly in the body of Stewart Encampment, No. 3. I had the

* By direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. September Session, 1845. the following was directed to be inserted as a note to D. D. G. Sire Stewart's report, viz: "The procedure of conferring the Patriarchal Degrees without fee on the petitioners for an Encampment was erroneous, and not warranted by law or usage."

pleasure on that occasion, of conferring the R. P. Degree on Rev. Bro. Tucker, who has become a faithful and energetic Patriarch, and who will prove an ornament to that body.

I very much fear that I shall be unable to attend the Special Communication, in consequence of sickness in my family, but hope to have the pleasure of being present at the regular session.

Grand Master Allen will represent the Grand Lodge of Missouri this year, and will be present I presume at the special session.

With the compliments of the season,

I remain as ever, yours in F., L., & T.,

WILLIAM S. STEWART.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Potts.

GALENA, August 25th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I have delayed making my annual report until the present time, in order to forward all the quarterly reports and dues of the subordinate lodges in my district at the same time. I have now received all the reports and dues, with the exception of the percentage of Miners' Lodge, No. 4. I herewith transmit the report of my official acts and doings, with a statement of the condition of the Order in the district under my charge, consisting of Northern Illinois, Iowa, and part of Wisconsin Territory.

Having received a dispensation to open Miners' Lodge, No. 4, at Mineral Point, Wisconsin territory, I proceeded to that place, and instituted said lodge on the 17th February, 1845, and installed James S. Bowden, N. G. ; Samuel Thomas, V. G. ; John Melton, Sec'y ; and A. Rumfrey, Treasurer. These brothers, as well as all of the petitioners, were formerly members of Iowa Lodge, No. 1, located at the same place, which surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of the United States, under circumstances with which I have made you acquainted in former letters. Many worthy members of the late Iowa Lodge have been admitted to membership with them, by dispensation from me, they being destitute of clearance cards from said defunct lodge, it having surrendered its charter without taking the precaution of granting cards to the members in good standing prior to its dissolution. I being perfectly satisfied that they were in good standing at that time, the dispensations were accordingly granted.

The present lodge is now composed of men that are a credit and an honor to any society. It is very careful and circumspect relative to the character and standing of the applicants for membership,—knowing from sad experience the folly of being so anxious to increase in numbers as not to make sufficient inquiry as regards their worthiness.

On the back of the report which is herewith enclosed, they give a retrospective as well as prospective state of affairs.

On the following week but one, I proceeded to Dubuque, in Iowa Territory, having received a dispensation to open Harmony Lodge, No. 2. I accordingly instituted and opened said Harmony Lodge, No. 2, in the city of Dubuque, Iowa Territory, on the 1st day of March, 1845, and installed

B. F. Davis, N. G. ; Amos Matthews, V. G. ; E. S. Davis, Sec'y ; and David Decker, Treasurer ; and I am happy to say, better or more worthy hands it could not have been placed in, than the officers above named. I am satisfied that Harmony Lodge will do well, and be a credit to the Order here in the far North-West. Although the initiations during the first quarter have amounted to but sixteen, they are men of the very best standing in the community, and whose moral character will stand the test of the strictest scrutiny. I herewith enclose the quarterly report, with the percentage due the Grand Lodge.

The next lodge in order in my district, subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, is that of the Rose of the Valley Lodge, No. 3, located at Potosi, Wisconsin Territory. I would state that this lodge is doing what it has always done, WELL. The Grand Lodge has no lodge among its subordinates more attached to its interests, and more devoted to the practice of the principles of the Order. Enclosed is the quarterly report of the last quarter, together with the amount of percentage due the Grand Lodge.

The other lodge under my charge as D. D. G. Sire, and subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, is that of Washington Lodge, No. 1, located at Burlington, Iowa Territory. I wish I could report as favorably of the condition of this lodge as I have of the others. I am compelled to use the language of reprehension. They are very remiss in forwarding their quarterly reports and dues, being sometimes as much as two quarters in arrears. I embraced an opportunity a few days ago of sending by a brother who was visiting that place, and wrote to inform the lodge of the immediate necessity of forwarding their reports for the two last quarters, which has been complied with. I enclose them, together with the percentage due. You will perceive by the last report that they are retrograding, rather than advancing.

The next lodge in my district, although not under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, is that of Wildey Lodge, No. 5, at Galena, Illinois, one of the oldest lodges in the state ; having been instituted and opened by P. G. Sire Wildey, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of the state. You will perceive by the quarterly returns to the Grand Lodge of the state, that the quarter ending March, 1845, the dues paid them were \$26 00 ; and the quarter ending June, \$21 00 ; in addition to which, they have paid off the mortgage on their hall, the building of which cost \$2,600 00. They have now a hall and lot of ground, free from all encumbrance, and fully insured, (out of debt and money in the treasury.) They are incorporated, having received an act of incorporation from the Legislature of Illinois in 1840. Peace and harmony reign triumphant within its walls.

In pursuance of the request of the M. W. Grand Sire, as per your letter dated December 24, 1844, to deputize P. G. M. Wm. Duane Wilson, Detroit, Michigan, to institute and open Illinois Encampment, No. 3, at Chicago, Illinois, I immediately forwarded a deputation to Bro. Wilson, with full power to perform that duty, (which he acknowledged receiving, by letter dated January 20th, 1845,) requesting him, as soon as accomplished, to return said deputation, and report to me the result. It has not been returned,

nor have I heard from Bro. Wilson since ; consequently I am unable to say whether the Encampment has been instituted or not. Probably he has reported direct to your office.

Yours in F., L., & T.,

JOHN G. POTTS.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq, Grand Secretary.

P. S.—In extenuation of Washington Lodge not remitting her dues in time, I would state that it is very difficult to procure bank notes to remit. Gold and silver is our circulating medium—a bank note is a rarity.

J. G. P.

From D. D. G. Sire Sewell.

MONTREAL, August 25th, 1845.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I herewith transmit you my draft on the Bank of Montreal, for \$42 67, viz: \$30 00, to pay for a charter for a new Encampment to be held in the city of Quebec, and hailed by the name of "Stadacona Encampment," and \$12 67, dues of Hochelaga Encampment, till 1st of January last. I have not yet succeeded in getting returns to 1st of July, owing to neglect on the part of the Scribe for that term, but I trust in a short time to forward it. The patriarchs applying for the charter for "Stadacona Encampment," are all in good standing in the Order, and in society. I enclose herewith their application and cards of clearance, and the semi-annual report of Hochelaga Encampment, to 1st of January last.

I may mention that our branch of the Order has subjugated the prejudices of public opinion, and hail as brothers many of the highest of the land. The advantages are being appreciated every day more and more, and to be an Odd Fellow is looked upon as a voucher that such man is an upright member of society. Allow me to say that the Baltimore division of the Order in this city look forward with anxiety to the time when they will be enabled to reciprocate the earnest desire expressed by the brethren of the M. U. to fraternize. We trust that negotiations to that effect will be persevered in with a proper spirit of conciliation on all sides, with energy calculated to bring it speedily to a happy issue. As a Grand Lodge of the M. U. will shortly be established in this city, our Grand Lodge might be made the means of communication, through them, with the committee in Manchester.

I remain in F., L., & T.,

S. C. SEWELL.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1846.

MONDAY, September 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS SHERLOCK,	M. W. G. Sire.
Rev. ALBERT CASE,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. C. & R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JAS. D. McCABE,	R. W. G. Chaplain.
JNO. G. TREADWELL,	R. W. G. Marshal.
LEVIN JONES,	W. G. Guardian.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.
P. G. Sire THOS. WILDEY.	

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of States were present, the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. G. Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then by order of the Grand Sire proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect, which were read and referred to a committee.

The chair named Reps. Kneass, of Pa., Gilley, of N. Y., and Robinson, of Va., as the committee.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, the report was accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following Representatives as correct:

GRAND LODGES.

ARCHER ROPES,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
RICHARD MARLEY,		
M. COOKE, Jr.,	}	Reps. of Virginia.
ROBT. W. REID,		
PHILO M. JUDSON,	}	Reps. of Connecticut.
HENRY L. MILLER,		
WM. E. PARMENTER,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts
JOSEPH L. DREW,		
HENRY S. PATTERSON,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
GEORGE S. MORRIS,		
SAMUEL H. PARKER,	}	Reps. of New Hampshire.
CHARLES WELLS,		
EDWARD S. J. NEALLEY,		Rep. of Maine
E. B. WHITE,	}	Reps. of Rhode Island.
JAS. WOOD,		
EDWARD D. WELD,	}	Reps. of New Jersey.
JOHN L. PAGE,		
WM. W. MOORE,	}	Reps. of Dis. of Columbia.
JOSEPH BEARDSLEY,		
DAVID E. EGAN,	}	Reps. of New York.
R. N. BALDWIN,		
DAVID P. WATSON,		Rep. of Kentucky.
R. W. SEYMOUR,	}	Reps. of South Carolina.
W. G. DESAUSSURE,		
ALBERT G. DAY,	}	Reps. of Ohio.
ALEX. E. GLENN,		
W. R. FOSDICK,		Rep. of Louisiana.
ISAAC McKENDREE VEITCH,		Rep. of Missouri.
H. H. WHITNEY,		Rep. of Canada.
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,	}	Reps. of Georgia.
I. P. GARVIN,		
DAVID SALOMON,		Rep. of Alabama.
ASHER S. KELLOGG,		Rep. of Michigan.
WALTER S. McNAIRY,		Rep. of Tennessee.
B. B. TAYLOR,		Rep. of Indiana.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

WILLIAM BAYLEY,		Rep. of Maryland.
FRANKLIN W. GILLEY,	}	Reps. of New York.
JOS. D. STEWART,		
HORN R. KNEASS,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
JOHN. W. STOKES,		
JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr.,		Rep. of Connecticut.
AMOS H. SEARFOSS,		Rep. of New Jersey.

WILLIAM ELLISON,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts.
NEWALL A. THOMPSON,		
CHARLES THOMAS,		Rep. of Ohio.
D. J. HOIT,		Rep. of New Hampshire.
WILLIAM R. SMITH,		Rep. of Maine.
EDMUND C. ROBINSON,		Rep. of Virginia.
ALEXANDER K. MARSHALL,		Rep. of Kentucky.

And as incorrect, Alexander MacRae's certificate, which is without the seal of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted, &c.,

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to admit Rep. MacRae, of N. C., to his seat, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate, the chair declared the motion to be out of order, as an infringement of the 10th Article of the Constitution.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being put: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the negative.

The motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., recurring, to admit the Representative of N. C., notwithstanding the informality of his certificate, Rep. Griffin, of Ga., offered the following as a substitute, which was resolved in the negative:

WHEREAS, the custom has prevailed to admit to their seats, Representatives whose certificates are informal; and whereas, it is proper that hereafter the custom shall be made to conform to the law:

Resolved, That Rep. MacRae, of N. C., whose certificate is informal by reason of the absence of the seal of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, be nevertheless admitted to his seat.

Resolved further, That hereafter Article X of the Constitution be strictly enforced.

Whereupon the resolution of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., was adopted.

The Journal of the last session being in process of reading, on motion, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

The chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Kneass, of Pa., Gilley, of N. Y., and Robinson, of Va.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Parmenter, of Mass., Smith, of Me., and Stokes, of Pa.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Moore, of D. of C., Marshall, of Ky., and Fosdick, of La.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Kellogg, of Mich., Miller, of Conn., and Griffin, of Ga.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Reps. Parker, of N. H., Taylor, of Ind., and Veitch, of Mo.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Marley, of Md., Thompson, of Mass., and Robinson, of Va.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Egan, of N. Y., McNairy, of Tenn., and White, of R. I.

Committee on Grand Lodges and Encampments not represented.—Reps. Glenn, of Ohio, Alsop, of Ill., and Whitney, of Can.

The Grand Secretary presented the returns of D. D. G. Sires Sewall, of Can., and Moore, of D. of C., of the opening of Grand Encampments within their respective districts, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report, which on motion, was referred to the following committee, to distribute the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees: Reps. White, of R. I., Judson, of Conn., and Day, of Ohio:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In presenting to your body his Annual Report, it is with the most lively satisfaction, that the Grand Sire congratulates you on the continued prosperity of the Order, and on the peace and harmony which, with but slight exceptions, pervade the entire jurisdiction. Under the protecting care of Divine Providence, Odd-Fellowship has gone on in its peaceful march, triumphing over the opposition of ignorance and bigotry, and drawing to its folds the good of all ranks and conditions of men. The truth of its principles, the beauty of its work, and the eminently practical nature of its operations have secured to it the affections of those who bow at its altars; and its charities have made it known to all men. Claiming only of the world that “the tree shall be judged by its fruit,” the Order has, by its works, seated itself firmly in the respect and esteem of all who seek the amelioration of the condition of mankind. The great spectacle is now presented of 90,000 men banded together by the most endearing ties, and acting under one common head, whose objects in that association are to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan.” How that work has been done hitherto, is matter of history. The returns of the present year exhibit an expenditure of \$190,000 for these objects, whilst the institution has been gradually strengthening itself for still more enlarged efforts.

In our gratulations upon this successful result of the labors of the brotherhood we should ever bear in mind that unto Him who rules the Heavens and the earth all the praise and thanksgiving is due; and humbly asking his continued blessings, conscious of the purity of our cause, *let us persevere*, with a firm reliance upon the Divine promise that “every man shall be rewarded according to his works.”

To you is committed the important duty of legislating for this institution, which, if we may be permitted to judge of the future by the past, is destined to exercise a moral power over mankind, such as the world has never seen wielded by any similar institution.

Composed as the Grand Lodge is of the Representatives of the entire body of our Order, who bring to its councils the wisdom and knowledge gained by experience, and holding as it does the supreme legislative and judicial power, its deliberations have ever been looked

to with deep interest by the Order at large, and its decisions and mandates received with respect and promptly obeyed.

During the recess the Grand Sire has been called upon so frequently for opinions as to construction of law and as to the usages of the Order, that he has become deeply impressed with the necessity for a code of General Laws reaching the details of the government of our institution, and providing for all matters not specially surrendered to the State governments. It would be a work of supererogation to enlarge upon the importance of this measure, so necessary to preserve uniformity, or to point out the evils that will inevitably follow vacillation in decisions upon points of law or usage. And it is scarcely possible that successive officers will hold the same opinions, or that they can give the same decisions, without the aid of written law. In an institution like ours, the laws should be plain and permanent, and nothing if possible should be left for construction or inference. With these remarks the subject is submitted to the Grand Lodge, in the hope that the Representatives in their wisdom will adopt some plan by which Odd-Fellowship in its organization, as well as in its work, may become one and the same throughout the jurisdiction.

At the last session a resolution was passed authorising the removal of the seat of the Grand Encampment of Virginia from Portsmouth to Norfolk, upon certain conditions therein prescribed, and when advised of its removal the Grand Sire was directed to order its permanent location at the latter point. Having received no advice of such removal, no action has been had by him in the matter. In reply to an enquiry from the Grand Patriarch of that State, he gave it as his opinion, that by the terms of the resolution, the change could not be made without the sanction of the Grand Encampment.

From Alabama two questions have been presented, on one of which a decision was given, and the other was reserved for the action of the Grand Lodge. In April, 1845, our distinguished brother, I. D. Williamson, was elected Grand Master and Grand Representative of that State. The then Constitution of that Grand Lodge prescribed that the installation of Grand Master should take place at the July session, and that in case of failure on the part of the officer to appear at that time, a new election should be had, and the officer then elected be installed at the same session. When the constitutional period arrived, Bro. Williamson did not present himself, having left the State with the view of attending the session of this body. The seat of Grand Master was accordingly declared vacated, and another member was elected and installed. On his return to Alabama, Bro. W. deemed it his privilege and duty to claim that his election was still valid, by virtue of a resolution passed by your body at the last session, in the following words: "Resolved, That the absence of a member of any State Grand Lodge, on duty as a Representative in this body, is a sufficient reason for releasing him from any disqualification that he may have incurred by reason of absence from his seat in any other office that he may hold in his Grand Lodge." The

Grand Lodge of Alabama refused to acknowledge his right, and an appeal was made to the Grand Sire. He affirmed the decision of that Grand Lodge, upon the grounds that the resolution could not apply to transactions prior to its passage, that the Lodge had proceeded constitutionally, and that reference was made in the resolution only to those who held office, and not to any one who, although elected, had never been installed.

The other question from Alabama, and which your body is now called upon to decide, is one carrying with it such important consequences, that it merits the most calm and careful consideration. On its decision rests the whole question of vested rights in our Order. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of that State, held in July, 1845, a Grand Master was installed for one year. In April, 1846, the Constitution was amended, so as to make the annual session commence on the third Monday in that month, during which session the Grand Officers should be elected and installed. The election and installation took place at that session, by which the officers who had in July, 1845, been installed for one year, were removed from office three months prior to the expiration of their term. Several of the Subordinate Lodges have protested against this act, upon the ground:

1st. That no officer can be removed from office but for cause duly specified and shown, and

2d. That constitutional amendments cannot be retrospective or affect rights already vested.

The opinion of the Grand Sire has been that these positions are correct, but he declined giving an opinion, because of the injurious results that might follow an erroneous one.

During the month of March last, I was advised by D. D. G. Sire Coleman, of Louisiana, that he had deemed it to be his duty to suspend Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of that State. It appeared that on the receipt of the revised work, he visited that Encampment for the purpose of introducing the work and giving instructions, and that upon his declining to exhibit any written or printed notice of his appointment as D. D. G. Sire, the Encampment refused to receive him in that capacity. This he held to be insubordination, and accordingly declared it to be in a state of suspension.

Believing that a subordinate body is not bound to yield obedience to an officer of whose election or appointment they have no official evidence, and that under the existing laws of the Grand Lodge no power of the kind exercised in this instance, is vested in the District Deputies, instructions were forwarded without delay to D. D. G. S. Coleman to reinstate the Encampment, and instruct the members thereof in the revised work. I am happy to say that these instructions were carried out, and that the Encampment is now in successful operation.

Under a mistaken view of the power vested in him, D. D. G. Sire Brown, of Indiana, without any authority from the Grand Officers, has within a few months, instituted three Encampments in that

State. The knowledge of this fact reached me but a short time since, and in view of the near approach of the session of your body, I directed that officer to suspend the operations of those Encampments and forward the papers upon which he had acted, in order that the subject might be laid before you. His report, with the petitions and cards, are in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Had these applications come before me, I would have had no hesitation in granting Dispensations for two of them, (Lafayette and Indianapolis;) the third (at Laurel) would have been refused, for the reason that that point in my opinion has not sufficient population—nor has it subordinate members enough to warrant the institution of an Encampment there.

A note upon the annual report of Bethlehem Encampment, No. 3, of Indiana, conveys to me the first information I have had of the removal of the seat of that body from Lawrenceburg to Aurora, for which it appears a Dispensation was obtained from D. D. G. S. Brown. This removal is illegal until it shall have received the sanction of your body. The reasons for it are not indicated in the reports of that officer, nor have I any knowledge of the cause of it.

In April an application was made through D. D. G. Sire Williams, of Georgia and Florida, to revive the dormant charter of Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, of Florida, and place it in other hands and at another location. As the Constitution of the Grand Lodge specifies but one mode of instituting Lodges, which is upon petition of five members, and as that application did not accord with the requirement, the Dispensation was not granted.

Under the same view of the Constitution and of the power vested in the Grand Officers during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I was constrained to refuse my assent to an application from P. G. Pena, for authority to institute a Lodge in Maracaibo, South America, another from P. G. M. Atlee, of Washington, for power to institute Lodges in Oregon, and another from some brethren in St. Louis, who desired to institute a Lodge in that place, with power to remove it to some point in Oregon.

An application was received from P. G. Watson, then of Massachusetts, for a Dispensation to institute a Lodge in Oregon city on his arrival there. He represented that a large party were about emigrating from Massachusetts to Oregon, and of that party that there were five members then in good standing in Lodges under this jurisdiction. Strong testimonials of his worth and standing, from many of the prominent members in that State, accompanied his application. He was requested to forward a petition in accordance with the law to the Grand Secretary, and that officer was advised of the matter, and requested to issue a charter, with authority to P. G. Watson to institute the Lodge, so soon as the law was complied with. From some cause this course was not pursued by P. G. Watson, but on the contrary he made such representations to D. D. G. Sire Guild, of Massachusetts, as to induce that officer to grant the desired Dispensation to himself and such others as he might see proper

to include. The work was furnished him, and he was commissioned by D. D. G. S. Guild, as D. D. G. Sire for the territory of Oregon for one year. The first direct information received by me of this transaction, was contained in a letter from the District Deputy of Massachusetts, bearing date the 4th of April, at which time it was too late to recall the Dispensation, P. G. Watson and his company having sailed for Oregon some four or five weeks previously. In reply he was informed that he had exceeded the authority vested in any of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and that his course could not be sanctioned by the executive. In laying this subject before the Grand Lodge, I deem it proper to state that in my opinion the Grand Officers authorised to issue Charters, are by the Constitution confined to the plan therein laid down, and that any departure therefrom would be an assumption of power justly censurable in them.

The importance of an early occupation of that great territory to which the public attention is at present so strongly directed, would have induced me to issue to P. G. Watson, the authority prayed for by him, had I considered myself authorised to do so. Satisfied of his ability to place the Order on a respectable footing, and of his zeal and moral worth, it would have been a source of great pleasure to me to have confided to him that important trust. It is submitted to the Grand Lodge, whether, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, it would not be the best course to authorise the Grand Officers to forward to P. G. Watson the papers necessary to legalise the act of the D. D. G. Sire.

The institution of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, at Stockport, England, has not, I regret to say, been followed by the happy results anticipated. Various causes delayed its organization until the 28th October, 1845, on which day it was instituted in due form by special Deputy James W. Hale, assisted by Bros. Colburn and Tuckerman, of which a full report is in the archives of the Grand Lodge. Previous to its institution, P. G. Hale exacted from each of the petitioners a pledge "that he was not then in membership with any society under the name of Odd-Fellows, and that so long as he remained under the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S. he would not become a member of any other society known as Odd-Fellows." He entertained the opinion, to the correctness of which I cannot assent, that by the act of separation members of the Manchester Unity were debarred from admission into Lodges under this jurisdiction. Two of the applicants who had been prominent in the movement refused to give such a pledge, and were, under the directions of P. G. Hale, denied admission as members. Instructions were forwarded to the then N. G. of Pioneer Lodge to the effect, that in proclaiming the final separation of American Odd-Fellowship from the Manchester Unity, the Grand Lodge had declared the two to be entirely distinct, and by the adoption of the revised work had destroyed all similarity between them. That in all things the Manchester Unity was held to be as any other society, and that it would not be proper to exact any other pledges than those received from applicants who were not attached to it. To this letter no answer was ever received.



Information has since come to hand that that Lodge has suspended its operations, and that consequently there is now no Lodge in England working under a charter from your body—the Lodge chartered at Liverpool, under the name of Oriental, No. 2, having never been instituted.

From the Lodges in Wales no returns have been received, nor has any correspondence been had by me with them.

The apparent impossibility, or at least great difficulty, of securing such a connection between the Order there and this Grand Lodge, as should exist between two portions of the same institution, and the neglect on the part of the Lodges in Wales to make any reports, calls for some change in the policy of this Grand Lodge in regard to the spread of Odd-Fellowship in the Old World. Whether it is not the true policy of the Order in the United States to confine its efforts to this continent, is a subject of grave enquiry. My opinion has been, and recent occurrences have given me no cause to change it, that any direct connection between the Order in this country and that in Great Britain, will but weaken us, without strengthening them, and that it would be wise either to acknowledge the entire independence of the Order in Wales, or to withdraw all the charters granted to Lodges in that country.

For some years past Odd Fellowship in Arkansas has been in the most unsatisfactory condition. With but one Lodge in the State, and that one delinquent, and almost dormant, the Order had made no progress there, whilst in other sections of the jurisdiction it was growing with singular rapidity. Actuated by an earnest desire for the revival of Odd-Fellowship in that locality, and feeling confident that with proper efforts that object might be attained, I tendered the appointment of D. D. G. Sire to Grand Representative Wm. F. Davis, of Tennessee, who accepted it, and I am happy to say, discharged the duties of the office to my entire satisfaction. On his arrival at Little Rock, he found that Far West Lodge No. 1, had held no regular meeting for nearly twelve months, and with a roll of one hundred and thirty members, but nineteen were found qualified and willing to aid in the resuscitation of the Lodge. With this number, it was again opened, and the revised work delivered to it, with such instructions as were considered necessary. He is sanguine in the belief that the Lodge is now upon a permanent basis, and that prosperity will attend it. About the same time he instituted in Helena, Telula Lodge, No. 2, under very favorable auspices.

At the last session of your body authority was given the Grand Sire to send a commission to Texas to enquire into the cause of the difficulties in that State, and to suggest a remedy.

Having become satisfied from information derived from various sources, that the Grand Lodge of Texas had taken the course best calculated to subserve the interests of the Order, and that since the removal of that body from Houston to Galveston a better feeling had manifested itself, giving good promise of enlightened and prudent government, I deemed it best to issue no commission. The reports of

the Grand Lodge and the D. D. G. Sire are more favorable than were anticipated. The unsettled state of the country has been a serious bar to the spread of our institution there, but even with this disadvantage it has grown steadily.

There has been so wide a difference of opinion between some of the D. D. G. Sires and myself as to the construction of the law of last session by which the duties of those officers are defined, that I deem it proper to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject. It is only necessary to refer to the preceding portion of this report for evidence of this difference. My impression was that no general powers were given them but that they were understood to be the agents of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. If my views accord with those of the Grand Lodge on this point, I would respectfully suggest that such alterations be made in the law as will prevent future misconstruction. As special agents these officers can render valuable service to the Grand Officers, in carrying out the mandates of your body in reporting violations of laws and of usage, and in attending to the collection of the revenues of the Grand Lodge accruing from their respective jurisdictions.

The report of the Grand Secretary will exhibit a statement of the finances of the Grand Lodge. It will be seen that the receipts of the present have far exceeded those of any previous year, and that a very large portion of the amount has accrued from the issue of the revised work. This cannot be looked to hereafter as a source of revenue to any considerable extent, whilst the increase of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments will materially reduce the revenue derived from the per centage upon the receipts of Subordinates. It cannot be long before every State and Territory under this jurisdiction, will be governed by its own Grand Bodies, and this Grand Lodge must then rely upon the sale of Cards and Books, and the Representative Tax, for revenue to defray its expenses.

It is probable that there will be at the close of the session a surplus fund of five or six thousand dollars, no part of which will be needed to meet the current expenditures of the coming year. I would respectfully suggest to you the propriety of investing this surplus in some permanent stock, or in such other mode as you may deem best, in order that a fund may be provided in time to meet the great falling off in revenue that may reasonably be anticipated in the next few years. If an increase of the Representative Tax can be avoided, it would seem to be the part of wisdom to lay no further burdens upon the Order. My predecessors have at different times called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact, that the ordinary sources of revenue would in a short time be insufficient to meet the most economical administration of its affairs, and have urged that some provision should be made by which it could be kept clear of debt. For the present, I do not deem it necessary to recommend any change in the revenue laws, believing that if the surplus at present on hand, and such as may hereafter accrue, be invested, the interest will assist materially, if not make up entirely the deficiency from other sources.

Since your last session Grand Encampments have been instituted in Canada, District of Columbia and New Hampshire.

From Iowa a petition in due form for a Grand Lodge will be laid before you.—It was received so short a time since, that the Grand Officers deemed it decorous to hold it for your decision.

An application was received from four Lodges in Wisconsin for a Grand Lodge charter, and a remonstrance against the same from three other Lodges. There was so slight an approach to unanimity in this instance that no action was had in the matter.

The details of the increase and the operations of our institution during the year, are embodied in the report of the Grand Secretary. It will be seen that there has been no check to the prosperity of the Order, and that even in States long occupied by it, the increase is steady and rapid.

THO. SHERLOCK,
Grand Sire.

Balto., Sept. 21, 1846.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That 500 extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report be printed for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pa., it was ordered that the Journal be printed from day to day.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., it was ordered that 500 copies of the daily Journal be printed for the use of the members.

The Secretary presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of Michigan, for a Grand Encampment Warrant, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., the following committee was appointed to report on the unfinished business of last session: Reps. Robinson, of Va., MacRae, of N. C., and Drew, of Mass.

On motion of Rep. Bayley, of Md., the chair was authorised to appoint a Committee on Appeals. The chair named Reps. Bayley, of Md., Smith, of Maine, and Cooke, of Va.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., moved to reconsider the order directing 500 copies of the daily Journal to be printed, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge disapprove the publication of its proceedings during the session.

Rep. Marley, of Md., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Md., leave was granted him to withdraw the papers connected with the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Md., from the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., presented the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mo., and of the Grand Encampment of Mo., which were severally referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The Grand Secretary presented various appeals, praying redress in the matters therein referred to, which being read by their title, Rep. Egan, of N. Y., objected to the reception of the appeal of the minority of the Grand Lodge of New York, upon the ground that not being made in pursuance of the 1st Article of the Constitution, requiring the assent of the Grand Lodge of New York, it was not admissible, and moved that the memorialists have leave to withdraw the same, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., the several appeals were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire, for the purpose of reporting a form and regulation for Regalia and Jewels for officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1845, authorising the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia to the city of Richmond, be so modified as to allow its removal to such place as may be determined upon by a majority of the Subordinate Encampments, in a convention to be *holden* in the town of Portsmouth, on the 2d day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in April next; to be composed of legally qualified members of the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which were referred the applications for Grand Encampments for the District of Columbia,* and for Canada,† for which it appears that dispensations have been duly issued during the recess of this body, in accordance with the authority vested in the Grand Officers, recommend that their action in the premises be confirmed, and that Charters be issued to both of the said bodies; provided that the Subordinate Encampments within the jurisdictions above named shall be required to pay the regular dues to this Grand Lodge up to this date, and provided also that the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia be removed within the geographical limits of the District of Columbia as defined by an act of Congress which was passed since the issuing of the dispensation by the Grand Officers.

WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

* *Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia*.—Instituted by D. D. G. S. Moore at Alexandria, April 25th, 1846, when the following officers were installed:—William Towers, G. Patriarch; L. A. Gobright, G. H. Priest; J. T. Clements, G. S. Warden; J. W. Hodgson, G. J. Warden; Charles Calvert, G. Scribe; W. G. Deale, G. Treasurer; James H. De Vaughn, G. Sentinel.—Location changed to Washington, Sept. 23d, 1846.

† *Grand Encampment of Canada*.—Instituted at Montreal, September 3d, 1846, when the following officers were installed:—P. C. P. George Mathews, G. P.; P. H. P. J. Healy, G. H. P.; P. C. P. G. H. Hamilton, G. S. W.; P. C. P. William Hilton, G. Scribe; P. C. P. H. H. Whitney, G. Treasurer; P. C. P. J. Gilbert, G. J. Warden.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to enquire and report into the expediency of altering the time now prescribed for the official term of elective officers of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to urge before that body the necessity of enlarging the present terms of office in the Subordinate Lodges, and if possible to have such alterations made in the laws of the Order as will extend that term from three to six months.

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to move in said Lodge for the appointment of a Committee to digest all such laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States as are intended to control and regulate State Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges, and have the same transmitted to the State Grand Lodges and Subordinates for their instruction.

The above resolutions were offered and adopted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, on the third day of its session, 7th August, 1846.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this twelfth day of September, 1846.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed by the Grand Sire for the purpose of forming a suitable funeral service to be used under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with instructions to report during the session.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into and report as to the propriety of so altering the Constitution as to extend the office of Grand Sire to the term of four years.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as correct the certificates of the following representatives:—Grand Encampment, District of Columbia, Edward S. Hough; Canada, Christopher Dun-

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article XIV Constitution. Strike out the word "Master" in the fifth line.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as that all Representa-

tives to this body shall be elected to serve for a term not less than two years, and to so provide for the time and manner of their election as that at least one-half of such Representatives shall at each session of this body remain in membership.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were read, and on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS the cardinal principle of Odd-Fellowship, which recognises the "universal religion of nature" as the only religious bond known to the Order, is believed to have resulted most beneficially, in extending wide our doors to the pure, the charitable, and the worthy of all denominations, thus uniting sects the most diverse, in the great and noble objects for which our institution has been founded; and whereas, it is known that under the belief of a perfect exemption from all sectarian influences, individuals of various religious creeds have joined our Order, and at this time comprise our brotherhood, and that our great prosperity and success may be mainly attributed to this liberality in matters of faith; and whereas we also believe that whenever mingling together as *Odd-Fellows*, we should not only studiously avoid everything calculated to wound the feelings of any brother, but on the contrary strive to cultivate such sentiments as would promote the bonds of love and friendship; and whereas it is believed that in the existing condition of things in the Order, all petitions addressed to the Throne of Grace which recognise any peculiar form of Deity, or which offer up prayer in a mediatory form, may be and are offensive to brothers, who yet would worship fervently with us, *our common Father*. Be it, therefore,

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., That from and after this date no prayer or religious petition shall be used or made in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of Odd-Fellows, either at meeting or upon public occasions, that shall contain language offensive to individuals of any religious denomination enrolled amongst our members.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the various States enforce the above resolution in the Lodges and Encampments under their jurisdiction.

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded immediately under the proper attestation of the officers of this Grand Lodge to the various State Grand Lodges, State Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary presented the following resolutions from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, which were read and referred to a Special Committee:

Resolutions adopted at an adjourned meeting of the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada, held at Montreal, on the evening of Wednesday the 9th day of September, 1846.

1. *Resolved,* That with a view to the permanent and general interests of Odd-Fellowship, it is, in the opinion of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, inexpedient that any branch of the Order established in one country should be subject for any longer period than may be absolutely unavoidable to the legislative or other control of a tribunal in name or in fact belonging to a branch of the Order established in a foreign country.

2. *Resolved,* That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the existence and mutual recognition, as required by the principle above set forth, of a number of Territorially Independent or Sovereign Jurisdictions of the Order, the authorities of which should be bound by mutual engagement to the maintenance as well of the most intimate Fraternal Relations between the several Branches of the Order under their respective government, as of the Principles and Work of the Order in general, would tend to give to the organization of the Order a character of permanence and universality which it cannot otherwise be expected to attain.

3. *Resolved,* That from the terms of the original charter granted in the year 1820 by the Duke of York's Lodge of Preston, to "No. 1, Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America," from the

refusal, in the year 1821, of the authorities of the Order in Manchester to interfere to charter "Franklin Lodge, No. 2," within the limits of the United States, and from the express assurance conveyed by the subsequent charter granted in the year 1826 by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee in Manchester, to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, as then constituted, that in its government of the Order throughout the United States it should be free from "the interference of any other country so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship;" it is clear that the said principle was fully understood and acted upon by the authorities of that Branch of the Order as constituted during that period within the United Kingdom.

4. *Resolved*, That, from the provisions of the first article of the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States whereby, after the declaration that that Right Worthy Body is "the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America" and "the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments are to be referred," it is further only set forth that the said Right Worthy Body "has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in Foreign Countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists," and not that it claims any right of Jurisdiction afterwards in such Foreign Countries, it is also clear, that the said principle is fully recognised by the Authorities of the Great Branch of the Order established in the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That in the recommendation offered at the Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of that Body, to the effect, that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in Foreign Countries, the same should be recognised as distinct sovereignties in the Order; and in the approval of this recommendation by the Special Committee of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge to whom the same was referred; this Grand Lodge recognises evidence of the readiness of the said Authorities to carry the said principle into practical effect.

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as, by the institution in Canada of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the organization of the Order within the Provinces of British North America is now so far advanced as to admit of its affairs being advantageously administered by a Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship exercising Independent Jurisdiction within and throughout the same; and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the erection and recognition of such Tribunal would, not only, without doubt, essentially conduce to the future prosperity of the Order within the present jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, but would besides, secure its introduction, under circumstances eminently favorable to its rapid developement throughout the Lower Provinces; and further, inasmuch as the Branch of the Order here established, if thus independent of Foreign Control, would have far greater facilities than it otherwise could have, or than any Branch of the Order established beyond the limits of the British Empire can have, for spreading the Principles and Work of the Order in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the Possessions dependent thereon, as also for acting upon the several Bodies of Odd-Fellows therein organised, with a view to the removing of the differences at present subsisting among them or between any of them and the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows as organised on this side of the Atlantic; the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and he is hereby instructed to lay before that Right Worthy Body the application of this Grand Lodge for a Charter to confirm the erection of such Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship for British North America, and to recognise the same as an Independent Jurisdiction of the Order.

7. *Resolved*, That in making this application for the reasons above set forth, this Grand Lodge takes occasion, as well in behalf of the Body into which, after the issue of such Charter it will be merged, as in its capacity as representing the several Lodges of the Order in Canada, to place on record its unreserved engagement to adhere to the Principles and Work of the Order, in concert with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States and such other Sovereign Tribunals of the Order as from time to time may be hereafter regularly constituted; to maintain at all times the most intimate Fraternal Relations with the several Branches

of the Order under their respective government; and until such time as the number of the regularly recognised Independent Jurisdictions of the Order shall admit of more comprehensive arrangements being made in that behalf, to receive the Annual Travelling Password from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to accredit to its Annual Communications a Special Grand Representative or Representatives, to receive with becoming distinction such Special Grand Representative or Representatives as the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States may in return accredit, and freely to interchange with it copies of all desired Documents and Records.

8. *Resolved*, That in order to the securing of perfect uniformity and correctness in the whole Work of the Order under the arrangement above set forth, the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby, further instructed to request of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States that that Right Worthy Body or its Officers should cause the fullest possible instruction to be given to himself and to the Right Worthy Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Canada, in regard to the details of the said Work, and especially in regard to the Higher and Past Official Degrees.

9. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as it appears to this Grand Lodge to be inconvenient that a Sovereign Tribunal of the Order having Independent Jurisdiction, should be designated by a title which is also given to one of the two classes of Tribunals exercising a superior Jurisdiction only in the Order, and subject to its revision and authority, this Grand Lodge would suggest to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, whether it would not be desirable to assign to such Sovereign Tribunals some other designation, and would propose (unless the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States see any valid objection to such course) that the Body which shall hereafter exercise the powers in question within British North America, be recognised by the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States as the "Grand Chapter of British North America."

10. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is desirable that for the several purposes: firstly, of adopting a constitution for itself; secondly, of deciding the limits of the several Superior Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Jurisdictions into which British North America should be divided; thirdly, of chartering such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as it may be desirable in the first instance to erect in and for the same or any of them; and fourthly, of enacting such forms of Constitution or other general Regulations as it may be deemed requisite forthwith to enact for the guidance of such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the said Grand Chapter, at its first meeting, do consist of the several Officers, Elective and Appointed, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of such other Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, as may have been or may be duly returned by the several Lodges and Encampment within this Jurisdiction to be members of the said Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in the manner prescribed by their respective Constitutions and Rules or as may be duly returned in the like manner by any of the said Lodges or Encampments to be members of the said Grand Chapter.

11. *Resolved*, That forthwith upon the receipt, by the Most Worthy Grand Master, of this Jurisdiction, of a Charter from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in compliance with the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment thereof; and whether such Charter purport to recognise the Independent Jurisdiction of British North America as vested in a Grand Chapter or in a Body bearing any other title, it shall be the duty of that Officer to cause official notice of the fact to be given by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Canada, also to the several Lodges within this Jurisdiction; and the present Charter of this Grand Lodge shall thereupon be held to be, and shall be, to all intents and purposes surrendered and such new Charter adopted in lieu thereof; and that until such time as other provision shall be made in that behalf by the Grand Chapter, the present seal of this Grand Lodge shall be the temporary seal of the said Grand Chapter, and the Officers and Committees of this Grand Lodge shall be held to be, and shall be, the Officers and Committees of the said Grand Chapter, and shall act in their respective capacities as though no such change of Charter had taken place; the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, however, at once assuming the style of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, and that it shall further be the special

duty of the Committee for the Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges to prepare a draft of a Constitution for the said Grand Chapter, and of forms of Constitution or other general Regulations for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments; and to report the same for the consideration of the said Grand Chapter at its First Session.

12. *Resolved*, That the First Session of the said Grand Chapter, constituted as aforesaid, be held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Montreal, on such day as the Most Worthy Grand Sire may appoint, the same being not less than six, nor more than twelve weeks after the date of his receipt of the new Charter as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the said Most Worthy Grand Sire to cause a written or printed notice, stating the day so appointed, to be duly despatched by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, not less than six weeks before such day, to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Canada, also to the several Lodges within this Jurisdiction.

13. *Resolved*, That until such time as other provision shall have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter, the same shall be held to act under the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of the Second, Tenth, Eleventh, Fifteenth, and Seventeenth Articles thereof and subject to the necessary changes of the Preamble and First Article and to such modification of the Third and Sixth Articles as shall devolve the duties of Grand Secretary on one person only; and likewise under the several By-laws, Rules of Order and other Regulations of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same may admit of being applied for the guidance of the said Grand Chapter.

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J. CUSHING, *Grand Secretary*.

Resolutions adopted by the R. W. G. Encampment of the Province of Canada, respectfully submitted to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States.

1. *Resolved*, That with a view to the permanent and general interests of Odd-Fellowship it is in the opinion of this Right Worthy Grand Encampment inexpedient that any Branch of the Order established in one Country should be subject for any longer period than may be absolutely unavoidable, to the legislative or the control of a Tribunal in name or in fact belonging to a Branch of the Order established in a Foreign Country.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment the existence and mutual recognition, as required by the principle above set forth, of a number of Territorially Independent or Sovereign Jurisdictions of the Order, the authorities of which should be bound by mutual engagement to the maintenance as well of the most intimate Fraternal Relations between the several Branches of the Order under their respective government, as of the principles and Work of the Order, in general, would tend to give to the organization of the Order a character of permanence and universality which it cannot otherwise be expected to attain.

3. *Resolved*, That from the terms of the Original Charter granted in the year 1820 by the Duke of York's Lodge of Preston to "No. 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America," from the refusal, in the year 1821, of the authorities of the Order in Manchester to interfere to charter "Franklin Lodge, No. 2" within the limits of the United States; and from the express assurance conveyed by the subsequent Charter granted in the year 1826 by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee in Manchester to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, as then constituted, that in its government of the Order throughout the United States it should be free from "the interference of any other Country, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship;" it is clear that the said principle was fully understood and acted upon by the Authorities of that Branch of the Order, as constituted during that period within the United Kingdom.

4. *Resolved*, That from the provisions of the First Article of the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, whereby after the declaration that that Right Worthy Body is the "source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America," and "the ultimate Tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred," it is

further only set forth that the said Right Worthy Body "has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in Foreign Countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists," and not that it claims any right of Jurisdiction afterwards in such Foreign Countries, it is also clear that the said principle is fully recognized by the Authorities of the Great Branch of the Order established in the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That in the recommendation offered at the Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the year 1844, by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of that Body, to the effect that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in Foreign Countries, the same should be recognized as distinct Sovereignities in the Order; and in the approval of this recommendation by the Special Committee of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge to whom the same was referred, this Grand Encampment recognizes evidence of the readiness of the said Authorities to carry the said principle into practical effect.

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as, by the institution in Canada of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the organization of the Order within the Provinces of British North America, is now so far advanced as to admit of its affairs being advantageously administered by a Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship, exercising Independent Jurisdiction within and throughout the same; and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, the erection and recognition of such Tribunal would not only without doubt essentially conduce to the future prosperity of the Order within the present Jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, but would besides secure its introduction, under circumstances eminently favorable to its rapid development, throughout the Lower Provinces; and inasmuch as the Branch of the Order here established, if thus Independent of Foreign Control, would have far greater facilities than it otherwise could have, or than any Branch of the Order established beyond the limits of the British Empire can have, for spreading the Principles and Work of the Order in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the Possessions dependent thereon, as also for acting upon the several Bodies of Odd-Fellows therein organized, with a view to the removing of the differences at present subsisting among them or between any of them and the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows as organized on this side of the Atlantic, the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Encampment to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States be, and he is hereby, instructed to signify to that Right Worthy Body that this Grand Encampment concurs with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada in its application for a Charter to confirm the erection of such Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship for British North America, and to recognize the same as an Independent Jurisdiction of the Order.

7. *Resolved*, That in concurring in this application for the reasons above set forth, this Grand Encampment takes occasion, as well in behalf of the Body into which after the issue of such Charter it will be merged, as in its capacity as representing the several Encampments of the Order in Canada, to place on record its unreserved engagement to adhere to the Principles and Work of the Order, in concert with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and such other Sovereign Tribunals of the Order as from time to time may be hereafter regularly constituted; to maintain at all times the most intimate Fraternal Relations with the several Branches of the Order under their respective government; and until such time as the number of the regularly recognized Independent Jurisdictions of the Order shall admit of more comprehensive arrangements being made in this behalf, to receive the A. T. P. W. from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to accredit to its Annual Communications a Special Grand Representative or Representatives, to receive with becoming distinction such Special Grand Representative or Representatives as the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States may in return accredit, and freely to interchange with it copies of desired Documents and Records.

8. *Resolved*, That in order to the securing of perfect uniformity and correctness in the whole Work of the Order under the arrangement above set forth, the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Encampment be, and he is hereby further instructed to request of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, that that Right Worthy Body or its officers should cause the fullest possible instruction to be given to himself and to the Right Worthy Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in regard to the details of the said work, and especially in regard to the higher and past official degrees.

9. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as it appears to this Grand Encampment to be inconvenient that a sovereign tribunal of the Order having independent jurisdiction should be designated by a title which is also given to one of the two classes of tribunals exercising a superior jurisdiction only in the Order, and subject to its revision and authority, this Grand Encampment would suggest to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, whether it might not be desirable to assign to such sovereign tribunal some other designation, and would propose (unless the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States see any valid objection to such course) that the body which shall hereafter exercise the powers in question within British North America be recognised as the "Grand Chapter of British North America."

10. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment it is desirable that for the several purposes: firstly, of adopting a Constitution for itself; secondly, of deciding the limits of the several superior or Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment jurisdictions into which British North America should be divided; thirdly, of chartering such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as it may be desirable in the first instance to erect in and for the same or any of them; and fourthly, of enacting such forms of Constitution or other General Regulations as it may be deemed requisite forthwith to enact for the guidance of such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the said Grand Chapter at its meeting do consist of the several officers, elective and appointed, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of such other Past Grands having the Royal Purple Degree as may have been or may be duly returned by the several Lodges and Encampments within this jurisdiction, to be members of the said Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in the manner prescribed by their respective Constitutions and Rules, or as may be duly returned in the like manner by any of the said Lodges or Encampments to be members of the said Grand Chapter.

11. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment hereby agrees that forthwith upon the receipt by the Most Worthy Grand Master of this jurisdiction, of a Charter from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in compliance with the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment thereof, and whether such Charter purport to recognize the Independent Jurisdiction of British North America as vested in a Grand Chapter or in a body bearing any other title, the said Charter be held to be in lieu of the present Charter of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada, that body surrendering such present Charter to adopt the said new Charter in lieu thereof; and that it shall be the duty of the said Most Worthy Grand Master thereupon to cause official notice of the fact to be given by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of this Grand Encampment, and also to the several Lodges within this jurisdiction; and that until such time as other provision shall be made in that behalf by the Grand Chapter, the present seal of the said Grand Lodge shall be the temporary seal of the said Grand Chapter, and the officers and committees of the said Grand Lodge, shall be the officers and committees of the said Grand Chapter, and shall act in their respective capacities as though no such change of Charter had taken place, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, however, at once assuming the style of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire; and that it shall further be the special duty of the committee for the supervision of laws of Subordinate Lodges, to prepare a draft of a Constitution for the said Grand Chapter and of forms of Constitution or other General Regulations for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and to report the same for the consideration of the said Grand Chapter at its first session; and forthwith upon the receipt by the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, of the aforesaid notice relative to the said new Charter, it shall be his duty to cause the same to be communicated by the Right Worthy Grand Scribe to the several Encampments within this jurisdiction.

12. *Resolved*, That the first session of the said Grand Chapter be held at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of Montreal, on such day as the Most Worthy Grand Sire may appoint, the same not being less than six nor more than twelve weeks after the date of his receipt of the new Charter as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the said Most Worthy Grand Sire to cause a written or printed notice, stating the day so appointed, to be duly despatched by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, not less than six weeks before such day, to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of this Grand Encampment, and also to the several Lodges within this

jurisdiction; and on the receipt of such notice by the said Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, it shall be his duty to cause the same to be communicated by the Right Worthy Grand Scribe to the several Encampments within this jurisdiction.

13. *Resolved*, That forthwith upon the assembling of the said Grand Chapter pursuant to such notice, the Dispensation or Charter of this Grand Encampment shall thereupon be held to be, and shall be, to all intents and purposes, surrendered to the said Grand Chapter; and it shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch as soon as possible to lay the same before the said Grand Chapter; and to move therein for the issue of such Grand Encampment Charter or Charters as the said Grand Chapter may see fit to grant; but the several officers and committees of this Grand Encampment shall nevertheless continue to have charge of the other documents of this Grand Encampment, and of all books, effects and references in their hands until such time as other provision may have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter.

14. *Resolved*, That until such time as other provision shall have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter, the same shall be held to act under the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of the Second, Tenth, Eleventh, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Articles thereof, and subject to the necessary changes of the Preamble and First Article, and to such modification of the Third and Sixth Articles as shall devolve the duties of Grand Secretary on one person only; and likewise under the several By-Laws, Rules of Order, and other regulations of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same may admit of being applied for the guidance of the said Grand Chapter.

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W. HILTON, *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of changing the name and title of this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of the United States to Grand Lodge of America, and make such alterations in the Constitution and Laws as may conform to said alterations.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to amend by changing the name to Grand Encampment of the United States, which was resolved in the negative—whereupon the resolution of Rep. Parker was agreed to.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to report a funeral ceremony for the use of Lodges under this jurisdiction, be requested to report a form of funeral and other processions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was referred to a Special Committee:

Resolved, That any Lodge asking pecuniary aid, in consequence of loss by fire, or for any other cause, shall in the first instance make application to the Grand Lodge of the state, in which such Lodge may be located, and if not in the power of the Grand Lodge to render the aid required, such Grand Lodge may, if deemed expedient, ask the assistance of Grand Lodges in adjacent states, or of all Grand Lodges in the Union through the Grand Masters of the same, who shall have power to issue circulars to their subordinates stating circumstances, &c., to make such appeals available.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., offered the following resolution which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That an assistant Messenger be appointed to serve for the residue of the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MacRae, of N. C., offered the following resolution, which was

read, and on motion, referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report to-morrow morning:

Resolved, That when an Odd-Fellow applies for and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, that the amount of benefit granted shall be endorsed upon his Card.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 21, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present the M. W. G. Sire and all the Grand Officers.

The chair announced as the Special Committee on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, Reps. Kneass, of Pa., Robinson, of Va., Griffin, of Ga., Thomas, of Ohio, and Thompson, of Mass.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as correct the certificate of P. G. M. Edward McIntyre, as representative from the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., presented the following communication, which was read and ordered to be spread on the Journal:

MOBILE, August 31st, 1846.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

At a regular meeting of Union Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., held at the Lodge room this evening, P. G. M. Affron offered the following resolution, which was adopted by this Lodge:

DANIEL GEARY, Sec'y. J. M. BARNEY, N. G.
T. S. FELLOWS, V. G.

Resolved, That this Lodge will cheerfully contribute such a sum as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out a general plan of Education for the children of deceased Odd-Fellows and other purposes, under such directions and laws as the Grand Lodge of the United States may direct, and that this resolution be signed by the officers of the Lodge and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., also presented a remonstrance from a number of P. G's of Alabama, against the removal of the Grand Lodge of that State.

Rep. Drew, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session, beg leave respectfully to report:

Proposed amendment to Art. X of the Constitution, on page 751.

Proposed amendment to Art. XIV of the Constitution, on page 781.

Proposed amendment to Art. XIII of the Constitution, on page 810.

Proposed amendment to Art. XII of the Constitution, on page 816.

E. C. ROBINSON,
ALEX. MacRAE,
J. L. DREW.

Rep. White, of R. I., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Sire's Annual Report, for allotment of the various subjects therein referred to, respectfully offer the following report:

They recommend so much of the report as relates to a "code of General Laws" be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the action of the G. L. of Alabama, to Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the powers of D. D. G. Sires, to a Special Committee.

So much as relates to the Order in Great Britain, to Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the Order in Arkansas and Texas, to Committee on Lodges and Encampments not represented.

So much as relates to the Finances, Revenue and Surplus Funds, to Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to petitions for Lodges and Encampments, to Committee on Petitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. B. WHITE,
P. M. JUDSON,
ALBERT G. DAY.

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., moved to amend the report as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire be amended by referring such part of that Report as relates to a codification of Rules and Regulations of the Order to a Special Committee, whose duty it shall be to meet in Baltimore a week preceding the next regular Annual Communication, and prepare such codification for the action of this body at its next session.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Ropes, of Md., offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That the Resolution on page 813 Journal of Proceedings of this

Grand Lodge, granting Cards to a brother's wife or widow, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the plates for printing Visiting Cards, and Cards of Clearance, be forthwith altered by engraving the words "Visiting Card," on the one, and "Clearance Card" on the other, in such a manner as to make them conspicuous at a glance.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative, who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on deferred business.

The first subject reported by the committee being proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 751 Journal 1845, to strike out in Article X of the Constitution (form of certificate) the words "for the period of one year from the date hereof," and to insert "from and including the third Monday in September next to the third Monday in September thereafter," was considered.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following amendment, which the chair ruled out of order:

Strike out the clause proposed, and insert "for the period of two years from this date."

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being put: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" the yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Marley, Parmenter, Drew, Egan, Baldwin, Patterson, Morris, Moore, Beardsley, McIntyre, Day, Glenn, Fosdick, Weld, Page, Cooke, Reid, Taylor, Veitch, Seymour, Salomon, Griffin, Garvin, MacRae, Neally (2 votes,) Wells, Wood, White, Parker, Kellogg, Whitney, Gilley, Stewart, Thomas, Kneass, Robinson, Stokes, Searfoss, Thompson, Dunkin, Hough, Smith, P. G. S. Wildey—44.

NAYS.—Reps. Ropes, Watson (2 votes,) Miller, Judson, Desaussure, McNairy, Bayley, Greenwood, Ellison, Hoit, Marshall—12.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, it was rejected; the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Marley, Ropes, Parmenter, Baldwin, Patterson, Morris, Moore, Beardsley, McIntyre, Fosdick, Taylor, Veitch, McNairy, Seymour, Desaussure, Salomon, Griffin, Garvin, MacRae, Neally (2 votes,) Wood, White, Kellogg, Bayley, Gilley, Stewart, Kneass, Stokes, Searfoss, Thompson, Dunkin, Hough, Smith, P. G. S. Wildey—35.

NAYS.—Reps. Drew, Egan, Day, Glenn, Weld, Page, Watson (2 votes) Cooke, Reid, Judson, Miller, Parker, Wells, Thomas, Robinson, Greenwood, Ellison, Hoit, Marshall.—20.

On motion of Rep. Thompson, of Mass., that the report of the committee on deferred business be temporarily ordered to lie on the table, it was determined in the negative.

The next subject being the proposed amendment to the Constitution on page 781 Journal 1845, as follows: To insert in the XIV Article of the Constitution, the words, "who shall have received the R. P. D., or a P. Grand Patriarch, provided he be a Past Grand," was considered.

Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative; the main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative; the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Egan, Baldwin, Cooke, Reid, Veitch, Seymour, MacRae, Parker, Wells, Stewart, Ellison, Thompson, Hoit, Dunkin, Hough—15.

NAYS.—Reps. Marley, Ropes, Parmenter, Drew, Patterson, Morris, Moore, Beardsley, McIntyre, Day, Glenn, Weld, Page, Watson (2 votes,) Taylor, Judson, Miller, McNairy, Desaussure, Salomon, Griffin, Garvin, Neally (2 votes,) Wood, White, Kellogg, Bayley, Thomas, Kneass, Stokes, Greenwood, Searfoss, Marshall, P. G. S. Wildey—36.

The next subject being proposed amendment on page 810 Journal 1845, was then considered and declared by the chair to be out of order, no such language being in the article proposed to be amended.

The next subject being the amendment proposed on page 816 Journal 1845, as follows:

Strike out from Article XII, page 19, 9th line, the figure "2," and insert "4" in lieu thereof, was considered, and it was unanimously rejected.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to make out an alphabetical list of the Representatives, and have the same printed, to be used in calling the yeas and nays.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That Article XIII of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words "Grand Lodges or Encampments or."

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to prepare and have printed with each Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, a correct Index, and also an Index for the Journals from 1843 to the present session, and that a suitable compensation be awarded him for the work.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, of Ia., it was resolved that the elec-

tion for Grand Officers for the ensuing term be made the special order of the day for Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

Rep. Ropes, of Md., offered the following resolution which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be instructed to make a report to this Grand Lodge, defining the position and privileges of a member of the Order, under penalty pending an appeal in his case to this body.

Rep. Smith, of Me., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the granting of a Withdrawal Card by a Subordinate Lodge severs the connection of a brother applying therefor from the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits whether the Card is actually taken by the brother or not—but the brother receiving such Card retains the right to visit for the length of time specified therein.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. M. W. G. Sire Sherlock in the chair. Present all the Grand Officers and a Representation.

Prayer by the Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The G. Secretary presented the memorial of P. G. Wm. Lineberger, of Md., praying the decision of the Grand Lodge upon the points of law therein suggested, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Also, the memorial of the Grand Lodge of New York in relation to the Order in said state, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave respectfully to report as correct the certificate of Thomas Alsop, as a representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. As also the certificate of F. O. Wadsworth, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That D. D. G. Sire Wilson, of Wisconsin, and P. D. G. Sire Atlee, of District of Columbia, be invited to take seats within the bar of the house.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolutions, which were read and referred as therein suggested:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to enquire into, and report to this body, whether some provision should not be adopted to protect the widows and children of deceased Odd-Fellows, who have received withdrawal cards with the view of becoming members of other Lodges, and who, previous to such membership, (within a reasonable time) shall have departed this life.

Resolved, That it be referred to the same committee to enquire into the propriety of Subordinate Lodges working in the fifth degree.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., submitted the following resolutions, which were read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges, subject to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required immediately after an election of Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge, to forward to the Grand Secretary by mail a duplicate certificate of election of each Grand Representative.

Resolved, That hereafter no Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, without a certificate in due form being first in possession of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge in reversing the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Sire in the matter of admitting Representative MacRae to a seat in this Grand Lodge, shall not be so construed as to imply a doubt in the correctness of his decision according to the letter of the constitution.

The G. Secretary presented the memorial of Geo. N. Hufty, of Pa., praying redress in the matter therein referred to, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, and the chair named as the committee: Reps. Marshall, of Ky., Moore, of D. of C., and Griffin, of Ga.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the propriety of establishing an institution of learning by the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and that they report to this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., submitted the following communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, with the accompanying resolution:

R. W. GRAND LODGE S. C., I. O. O. F. }
September 2, 1846. }

The Grand Master read the following document:

"Inasmuch as there is a difference of opinion on the subject, the Grand Master requests the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to direct their Grand Representatives, to ascertain from the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their next session, whether it is the *duty* of the Grand Master to install the officers of Subordinate Lodges when practicable so to do."

This was referred to the Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That this communication be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with the written statement of the Grand Master of South Carolina, with instructions to have the same printed, if they deem the same necessary.

On motion, the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina complete.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That no member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be eligible to the P. G.'s chair, unless he has attained the R. P. degree, and no Patriarch shall be eligible to the chair of C. P. or H. P. in Subordinate Encampment, unless he be a P. G. of some Subordinate Lodge under the same jurisdiction.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., moved to strike out the 15th Rule of Order and to substitute the following, which was agreed to:

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend, and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration. The first four shall be decided without debate.

Rep. Morris, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different State Grand Lodges, to appoint one or more brothers competent to the task, whose duty it shall be to visit each Subordinate Lodge in his district at least once a year for the purpose of imparting instruction, so as to insure a uniformity in the work of the Order

Rep. Fosdick, of La., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That the charge to the Past Noble Grand on the installation of his successor, as contained in the New Work of the Order, shall not be so construed as to render it obligatory upon said Past Noble Grand to occupy the chair of the Junior Past Grand for the ensuing quarter; nor disqualify him from filling any elective or appointed office in his Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend by striking out the word "not" in the 2d line, and the word "nor" in the 4th line; pending this motion, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Alsop, of Ill., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge grant leave to the Grand Lodge of Illinois to amend their constitution so as to remove their Grand Lodge to such place as they shall at a future session determine.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which, on his motion to lie on the table, and be made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 5 o'clock, P. M., was rejected:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments hereafter have the power of holding their meetings at such places as they may deem expedient.

On motion, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., moved the following order, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hour of 8 o'clock, on Thursday evening, be set apart for the purpose of instruction in the Work of the Order.

Rep. Smith, of Me., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the consent of this Grand Lodge is hereby granted to the Grand Lodge of Maine to remove from its present location to such place as may be determined upon by a majority of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That a special committee be directed to enquire into the expediency of altering, amending, or abbreviating the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, especially that of the Golden Rule degree.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, submitted the following order, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., indefinitely to postpone the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be required to report a uniform mode to be pursued in removing the location of State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., offered the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not entertain a motion to change the place of holding the sessions of the Grand Lodges of the several states, unless accompanied by a petition from the majority of Subordinate Lodges, or the Grand Lodge of the State.

On motion of Rep. Thompson, of Mass., the resolution submitted by him, referring the subject of amending the Constitution so as to provide for classing the Representatives to a Special Committee, was reconsidered, and the resolution referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following proposition, to amend the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Strike "Grand Encampment" from Arts. 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., submitted the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to report a plan of conferring degrees in Degree and Subordinate Lodges, so as to establish a uniform system throughout the whole Order.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to report to this G. Lodge, by what law Degree Lodges are instituted, and whether the instituting of such Degree Lodges is not an infringement on the chartered rights of Subordinate Lodges.

The hour having arrived for taking up the special order of the day, on motion of Rep. Day, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of candidates for the office of Grand Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Miller, of Conn., - D. G. Sire Case, of Mass.
 By Rep. Stokes, of Pa., - - P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.
 By Rep. Marshall, of Ky., - P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.
 By Rep. Baldwin, of N. Y., P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.
 By Rep. Ropes, of Md., - P. G. M. Marley, of Md.
 By Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.

The nominations being closed, the Grand Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the election. The chair appointed Reps. Marshall, of Ky., and Miller, of Conn., as tellers.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Reps. and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called, reported the following result—that 57 votes had been polled for the office of Grand Sire, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	14 votes.
P. G. M. Marley, of Md.,	"	- - -	2 "
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	23 "
P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	"	- - -	5 "
P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	- - -	4 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	9 "

And that no candidate having received a majority of the votes polled for the office of Grand Sire, no choice had been made.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Stewart, as a candidate.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Reps. and P. G. Sires, as they were severally called, reported that 57 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	18 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	26 "
P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	"	- - -	5 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	8 "

And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of Rep. Thompson, of Mass., as a candidate.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election. The tellers having received the ballots of the Reps. and P. G. Sires, reported that 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	25 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	26 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	7 "
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And that no choice had been made.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election, when the following result was reported by the tellers: 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	25 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	28 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	5 "
P. G. M. Marley, of Md.,	"	- - -	1 "

And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. D. G. Sire Moore, of D. of C.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election. The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa., had received	-	-	32	votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	-	26	"
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And that P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa., had received a majority of all the votes polled—

Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa., was duly elected Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination for the office of D. G. Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Seymour, of S. C.,	-	P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.
By Rep. Egan, of N. Y.,	-	P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.
By Rep. Moore, of D. of C.,		P. G. M. Taylor, of Ind.
By Rep. Veitch, of Mo.,	-	P. G. M. Allen, of Mo.
By Rep. Smith, of Me.,	-	P. G. M. Atlee, of D. of C.
By Rep. Glenn, of Ohio,	-	P. G. M. Wilson, of Wisconsin.
By Rep. Judson, of Conn.,	-	P. G. M. Miller, of Conn.
By Rep. Hoit, of N. H.,	-	P. G. M. Parker, of N. H.
By Rep. Searfoss, of N. J.,	-	P. G. M. Weld, of N. J.

The nominations being closed, on motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 59 votes had been polled; of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received	-	-	15	votes.
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	-	9	"
" Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	-	5	"
" Taylor, of Ind.,	"	-	4	"
" Allen, of Mo.,	"	-	3	"
" Wilson, of Wis.,	"	-	3	"
" Miller, of Conn.,	"	-	7	"
" Parker, of N. H.,	"	-	2	"
" Weld, of N. J.,	"	-	3	"

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And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Wilson, of Wisconsin.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots, reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received	-	-	23	votes.
" Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	-	5	"
" Taylor, of Ia.,	"	-	6	"
" Allen, of Mo.,	"	-	2	"
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	-	13	"
" Miller, of Conn.,	"	-	4	"

P. G. M. Parker, of N. H., " - - - 2 votes.

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And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the names of Reps. Miller, of Conn., Allen, of Mo., and Parker, of N. H.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. Robinson, of Va., enquired of the chair whether, in ascertaining the election of a candidate, *blanks* should be counted as votes. The chair decided that every ticket deposited, whether blank or otherwise, was a vote, and the majority of the whole votes thus polled was necessary to a choice.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the chair, and called the previous question; the call for the previous question being sustained by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The ballot then proceeded, when the tellers having collected the ballots, reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received - - 21 votes.

" Atlee, of D. of C., " - - - 23 "

" Stewart, of N. Y., " - - - 7 "

" Taylor, of Ind., " - - - 4 "

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And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.

The Grand Lodge again proceeded to the election, when the tellers reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received - - 23 votes

" Atlee, of D. of C., " - - - 21 "

" Taylor, of Ind., " - - - 12 "

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And that no choice had been made.

The Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election. The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received - - 28 votes.

" Atlee, of D. of C., " - - - 15 "

" Taylor, of Ind., " - - - 14 "

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And that no choice had been made.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election. The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 56 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received - - 32 votes.

" Atlee, of D. of C., " - - - 13 "

" Taylor, of Ind., " - - - 12 "

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And that P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received a majority of the whole number of votes polled.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. N. A. Thompson, of Mass., was duly elected Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of candidates for the office of Recording Secretary, when the following nomination was made:

By Rep. Stokes, of Pa., - P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

The nomination being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers announced that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., was unanimously elected.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Corresponding Secretary, when the following nomination was made:

By Rep. Marshall, of Ky., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

The nomination being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers reported that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., had been unanimously elected.

Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., was duly chosen Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. Marshall, of Ky., - - P. G. M. Warner, of Md.

The nomination being closed, the tellers proceeded to collect the ballots, and having counted the same, announced that P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Md., was unanimously elected.

Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Md., was duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the Grand Lodge proceeded to take up for consideration the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Salomon, of Ala., at the morning session of the 21st, when on motion of Rep. Salomon, of Ala., they were referred to a Select Committee.

The chair announced the appointment of the following Special Committees, pursuant to the several resolutions directing the same:

On Regalia and Jewels.—Gilley, of N. Y., Patterson, of Pa., and Salomon, of Ala.

On Form of Funeral Service and Form of Processions.—McNairy, of Tenn., Dunkin, of Canada, and Hoit, of N. H.

On Resolution of Rep. Wood—(page 860.)—Wood, of R. I., Wadsworth, of Miss., and Desaussure, of S. C.

On Resolution of Rep. MacRae (page 860.)—MacRae, of N. C., McIntyre, of Del., and Veitch, of Mo.

On the Powers of D. D. G. Sires—(page 862.)—Cooke, of Va., Stewart, of N. Y., and Garvin, of Ga.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 22, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present the M. W. G. Sire and all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

The Chair announced the following as the Special Committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. Salomon, of Ala., of the morning session: Rep. Salomon, of Ala., P. G. S. Hopkins, and Rep. Ropes, of Md.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from P. G. J. G. Forman, of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., submitted the following resolutions, which were read:

WHEREAS, the town and county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, have by an act of the General Government of the United States, been retroceded to the State of Virginia: therefore,

Resolved, That from and after the termination of the quarter which ends on the 30th of the present month, the territory thus retroceded and separated from the District of Columbia be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to that of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia; and that, after settling up their accounts with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the Lodges now organised within the retroceded territory, shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Resolved, further, That the Charter for a Grand Encampment of Patriarchs in the District of Columbia, which was confirmed during the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be so amended as to locate the said Grand Encampment in the city of Washington; and that Marley Encampment, located in Alexandria, after settling her accounts with this Grand Lodge, be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Rep. Hough, of D. of C., offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions submitted by Rep. Moore:

WHEREAS, by an act of the Congress of the U. S. passed at its last session, it was enacted, that under certain provisions therein contained, all that part of the District of Columbia lying on the South side of the Potomac and originally belonging to the State of Virginia, should be retroceded to said State; and whereas all of said provisions having been subsequently complied with and the President of the U. S. having issued a Proclamation declaring said act to be in full force and effect. And whereas there being at this time in said retroceded portion of the District of Columbia, one Encampment and two Lodges, viz: Marley Encampment, No. 2; Potomac Lodge, No. 8, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of the said District, respectively: therefore,

Resolved, That it is expedient and proper that the jurisdiction over Marley Encampment, No. 2, Potomac Lodge, No. 8, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, all of Alexandria, Va., should be immediately transferred to the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, respectively.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to report to this Grand Lodge the proper course to be pursued in carrying the above resolution into effect.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Moore, of D. of C., he moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as fol-

lows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolutions submitted by Rep. Moore, of D. of C.?" which was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., submitted the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

WHEREAS, at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, a resolution reported by the Committee on Petitions, was adopted, whereby the Grand Secretary was ordered to cause copies of the charters originally granted to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, to be made out by the proper officers, and transmitted to said bodies; and whereas, it has been found impracticable to carry the above order into effect according to the construction put upon it by the parties concerned:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and execute new charters for the above named bodies, and to add to such new charters short memoranda, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, of the date of the original charters and the circumstances under which the substitutes were granted.

Rep. Patterson, of Pa., offered the following amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Art. XXIV.—Each G. L. under this jurisdiction may open and close with prayer, and may grant the same power to its Subordinate Lodges, at its option; but in no case shall any form of Prayer be used, other than that furnished by the G. L. of the U. S.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to the By-Laws proposed by Rep. Veitch, of Mo., then lying on the table, in words following:

Strike out the words "Grand Lodges or Encampments or" in the 13th Article of the By-Laws.

The question being on adopting the amendment proposed, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution modifying the resolution passed at the last session, in relation to the location of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, report:

That they see no objection to the modification which is made by the resolution so submitted to them; they therefore recommend its adoption, requiring that as soon as the location of the Grand Encampment is fixed upon that the Grand Sire be forthwith notified.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1845, authorising the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, to the city of Richmond, be so modified as to allow its removal to such place as may be determined upon by a majority of the Subordinate Encampments, in a convention to be *holden* in the town of Portsmouth, on the 2d day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in April next; to be composed of legally qualified members of the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report of the committee as follows:

Provided, That the Encampment shall report the point selected to this Grand Lodge for its approval at its next Annual Session.

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., the whole subject was re-committed to the Committee on the State of the Order, with instructions to report the following resolution:

That the Grand Encampment of Virginia be authorised to hold a special meeting at such place and time as it may see fit, to consider the subject of the place selected as the future location thereof, reporting its decision thereon to this G. L. for its ultimate action.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following, his Annual Report, which was read, when, on motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, it was ordered that 2000 extra copies be printed for distribution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, in obedience to the law requiring the same, has the honor to present the Annual Report of this department. The following resolutions embrace the various subjects of duty directed to be performed by the Grand Secretary, during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary address a special circular to the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee, the Province of Canada, and the Republic of Texas, requiring them to forward the necessary information to complete a "Numerical Registry," as provided for at the Annual Session of 1843.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed, to have "copies of the Charters originally granted to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, made out by the proper officers, and transmitted to them."

3. *Resolved*, That Diplomas be delivered to the several State Grand Lodges, signed by the Grand Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that when said Diplomas are delivered to members of the Order, they receive the signature of the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge to which the recipient belongs.

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary be, and hereby is authorised to procure such alteration of the plate as may be necessary to carry the above resolution into effect.

4. *Resolved*, That if any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall decline the agency for the sale of Diplomas, as provided in the resolutions passed on the 21st Sept., 1843, then the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be authorised to appoint the Grand Secretary or the Grand Scribe of such Lodge or Encampment, and in the event of their declension, any other person, on satisfactory security being given.

Resolved, That upon such appointment all accounts with other agents in the same state be forthwith closed.

5. *Resolved*, That from and after the first of January, 1846, all cards, visiting or clearance, issued by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the price recommended for the same in the report, be approved of.

Resolved, That in case any Lodge or Encampment shall have on hand at the time specified in the above resolution, cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary on their delivery at his office, be directed to furnish proper cards in their place.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction, with a sufficient number

of blank certificates, in the form of the one prescribed in Article X of the Constitution, for the use of the Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That so soon as the revised edition of the Lectures, Charges, &c., is in readiness, the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary shall forward to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, such number of copies as they may respectively require; and it shall be the duty of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to collect the outstanding copies of the former editions of the Charges, Lectures, &c., and forward the same as early as practicable to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

On the 11th of February, 1845, in conformity with resolution No. 1, the Grand Corresponding Secretary addressed a special circular to the States therein designated, calling their attention to the object of the resolution, and respectfully inviting their early attention to the subject—he has the pleasure of acknowledging that returns have been made from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Indiana, Michigan and North Carolina, during the year, which are herewith submitted. It will be seen that there yet remain five Grand Lodges and four Grand Encampments which have failed to comply with the provisions of this law, requiring them “to make out accurate lists of the names and dates of the institution of every Lodge and Encampment under their jurisdiction, the date of suspension, expulsion, and reinstatement.” The Grand Corresponding Secretary has also received the regular reports of the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut and Kentucky, in obedience to the resolution of September Session, 1843, which requires “that in all cases of grant of Charters by the Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, they shall immediately report the same to the Grand Corresponding Secretary.” From no other jurisdiction has any return been made to this office. The law of September Session, 1843, was enacted for the purpose of obtaining a general Numerical Registry of all the Lodges in existence, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, directly and indirectly, each to be numbered according to its respective date of institution and seniority. To accomplish this object it was provided that Grand Lodges and Encampments should furnish, from their respective records, the necessary materials, and that the Grand Secretary should procure appropriate books to be kept as Registers, one for Lodges and the other for Encampments, and cause all the Lodges and Encampments, in communion with the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be entered and registered in said book, numbering each according to seniority as the same appeared from the reports required and the documents in his office; and that in all grants of charters by Grand Lodges or Encampments thereafter, with a view to the continuance of said Registry, they should report the same to the Corresponding Secretary, who was required to enter them in the General Registry with its proper numbers, and to communicate such proper number to the Grand Lodge or Encampment to be inserted in the particular Charter granted in addition to its ordinary State number.”

It will be perceived that the object of this law was to supply to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, what may be termed a Federal number, in addition to the State number, which they re-

spectively held, for the purpose, it is presumed, of presenting at all times evidence upon the general Registry of the whole number of Lodges in existence under this jurisdiction.

The means devised by the Grand Lodge at that session to carry out the law, afforded the only possible mode of success, and in so far as the duty devolved upon the undersigned, no effort has been left unemployed to obtain the information and materials necessary to consummate the object. During the last three years, the subject has been frequently brought to the notice of the Order, yet the Cor. Secretary is unable to prepare the Registry desired, for want of full materials. Several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments have failed to report entirely, and but few of those who have reported, have furnished lists of new Lodges and Encampments instituted under their respective jurisdictions, since the passage of the law.

As it is wholly impracticable to prepare the Registry without the fullest materials, and as, in some instances, the reports furnished are exceedingly imperfect, and all the efforts of the Cor. Secretary, during the last three years, to get in complete returns, have failed, it is respectfully suggested that the law be repealed, or some other and more effectual means be devised to enable the proper officer to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge.

The undersigned, in view of the doubt which he entertains of ever getting Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to return promptly and regularly lists of the Lodges and Encampments to his office, as they are from time to time instituted, and from the fact that such Registry cannot be kept with precision, if any *single* state should be delinquent in supplying such reports with regularity, entertains the hope that the scheme may be abandoned by a repeal of the law.

It has been found impracticable to comply with the resolution directing "the Grand Secretary to have copies of the Charters originally granted to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, made out by the proper officers and transmitted to them." The Grand Officers, by whom these Charters were subscribed are scattered throughout the United States and not accessible to the Corresponding Secretary. It is respectfully suggested that a law be passed, directing warrants to be issued to these bodies, signed by the present Grand Officers, with a written memorandum upon the margin, certifying that they are granted in lieu of Charters originally issued to Oglethorpe Lodge and Magnolia Encampment of the State of Georgia, specifying their respective original dates. This course it would appear, will gratify the whole object of the memorialists.

In compliance with the resolutions relating to Diplomas, the Corresponding Secretary caused the plate to be so altered as to conform to the law of last session: these documents, as now issued, bear the signature of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States only; with a blank reserved for the signature of the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge to which the recipient may belong. The accounts, as directed, with all other agents than State Grand Lodges, for the sale of Diplomas, were

closed, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts upon being advised of its preferred right to such agency, within its jurisdiction, by the law of 1843, having declined to accept the same, the Corresponding Secretary tendered the appointment to the Grand Secretary of the State, who accepted the office and filed a satisfactory bond as required by law, which is herewith submitted.

The resolution of the last session, requiring that from and after the first day of January, 1846, all cards, visiting or clearance, issued by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, has caused much embarrassment to that officer. In order to comply with the provisions of this law, it must be recollected that the whole supply remaining in the hands of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, issued during the previous year, without the countersignature of the Corresponding Secretary, was to be got in and a similar number with the countersignature of the Corresponding Secretary substituted for them, in addition to which the new demand, from such sources in which the supply had become exhausted it was necessary to meet with cards countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary, and all this was to be accomplished between the 1st day of October, 1845, and January 1st, 1846, a period of 90 days. Besides this onerous duty, the new work was to be printed and distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to each state within the same period, which latter office of itself, in view of its magnitude and great responsibility, could scarcely be accomplished in double the time. The undersigned, nevertheless, immediately after the close of the last session, addressed a circular to each jurisdiction, requesting instruction as to the particular number of Cards, which they might relatively require to be exchanged, and set about countersigning cards with diligence. After attaching his name to 21,000 cards, devoting exclusively all his time to the subject, he found that unless every other duty of his office was abandoned, he could not comply with the law, and under these circumstances asked and obtained the prompt approbation of the Grand Sire to a substitution of the *fac simile* for the proper signature of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and even in this way it was found impracticable to get cards, in sufficient quantity, printed within the time prescribed by law, in consequence of the delay occasioned by the necessity of retouching the plates. It is believed that the plan adopted will answer all the ends contemplated by the resolution, and as it is impracticable, in view of the general duties of the office, to sign the vast number of cards which are required by the States, the approbation of the Grand Lodge is respectfully asked to the course adopted.

Blanks have been furnished, as directed, to the Grand Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction in the form prescribed in Article X of the Constitution, for the use of Grand Representatives.

The last resolution of the series, devolving special duties upon the Corresponding Secretary during the recess, relates to the distribution of the revised work of the Order. So great was the desire for the revision of the work of the Order, and so universal the wish to be

placed in immediate possession of it, when adopted, that but little reflection was given to the difficulties and vast labor, inseparable from its distribution: hence, the adoption of the resolution fixing the 1st of January, 1846, as the period of its general introduction and practice throughout the jurisdiction. It was not considered that although the work was adopted by the September Session, as amended by that body, that it was recommitted to the Committee on Revision with very general powers in relation to its further improvement and printing, and that said committee consisting of five members, scattered throughout the country, as a means of conference, were limited exclusively to correspondence by mail; that the very precise and accurate proof corrections, which were required to gratify the authors of the revision, would occupy time and occasion delay. In view of all these embarrassments, the Committee on Revision made an earnest effort to comply with the law, and did deliver the subordinate work to the Corresponding Secretary by the 1st day of January, 1846, who immediately caused its prompt distribution by appointing an agency at New York, the place of printing, in the person of P. G. Sire Kennedy, who, as rapidly as he received the work from the press, personally directed its general dissemination. Having completed the distribution of the subordinate work, that of the Encampments was effected immediately upon its receipt from the Committee on Revision, in which body it was delayed by the difficulties of correspondence, and the delays incident to mail correspondence, in comparing opinions and reviewing proof sheets.

The whole distribution was happily effected during the spring, and regarding the extent of territory, over which it was directed, the number of books disseminated, and the amount of labor incident to the task, it is a source of gratification to the undersigned that but a very few complaints have reached him, and that all appear to have manifested that spirit of forbearance and proper appreciation which so eminently distinguishes our beloved Order.

No provision having been made at the last session for printing the work in the German or Welsh languages, the Committee on Revision, under the general authority confided to it, caused two hundred and fifty copies of the work of Subordinate Lodges to be printed in German, which have been received and distributed as far as applications have been made for the same.

I have to acknowledge the return of the old work to this office from D. D. G. Sires Guild, of Massachusetts, and Blain, of Ohio, and from Grand Secretary Gyle, of Charleston. I have to regret that the resolution of the last session directing the Committee on Revision in conjunction with P. G. Sires Wildey and Hopkins, to write out in cipher and illustrate with diagrams all the * * * * * and * * * * * of the Order, and to place the same in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary on or before July 1, 1846, has not been complied with, and I beg to express the hope that some order may be adopted at the present session to secure a compliance with so important and desirable an order. It is not necessary to enter into any argument to maintain the value of such a work, to be preserved in the archives of the Order,

and to be transmitted to posterity as the true and only standard of precision in the unwritten language of the Order. At this time reliance is had exclusively upon the recollection of the P. G. Sires of the Order, whose instruction, at the Annual Session of this body, is held to be authority. In a few years, the more experienced of these distinguished brethren will have been gathered to their Fathers, and the Order, unless some means be adopted of preserving their experience to posterity with certainty, will be involved in embarrassment, in relation to the early established language of Odd-Fellowship. This subject is especially commended to the attention of the Representatives.

I have received many communications asking for directions as to the manner and channel by which the old work shall be returned, and have directed the old work to be delivered to D. D. G. Sires, in whose hands it should remain, subject to such orders as might be adopted at your present session.

Commissions have been issued to D. D. G. Sires for the several states, territories and provinces under this jurisdiction, as appointed by the Grand Sire, and the following have complied with the law requiring that they should give bond, to be approved by the G. Sire, to wit: P. G. M. James Wood, of Rhode Island; P. G. M. Alexander MacRae, of North Carolina; P. G. M. Wilkins F. Tannehill, of Tennessee; P. G. W. F. Davis, of Arkansas; P. G. M. Chas. McGowan, of New York; P. G. M. Geo. I. Dicks, of Mississippi; P. G. A. B. Coleman, of Louisiana; P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan; P. G. Wylie Williams, of Georgia; P. G. Benj. C. True, for Vermont; P. G. William R. Smith, of Maine; P. G. David Philbrick, of New Hampshire; P. G. M. Marshall C. Holmes, of New Jersey; P. G. M. Gerard B. Allen, of Missouri; P. G. M. W. Duane Wilson, of Wisconsin; P. G. John T. Blain, of Ohio; P. G. M. John W. Stokes, of Pennsylvania; P. G. James M. Ford, of Virginia. The bonds of these officers are herewith submitted.

The undersigned has had during the year a voluminous and highly gratifying correspondence with the D. D. G. Sires and Grand Officers of the various subordinate jurisdictions, and proceeds now to detail such correspondence with his office as may be worthy your notice.

Foreign Relations.—During the past year, no intelligence whatever has been received at this office from the Grand Lodge of Wales: a report from P. G. James W. Hale, of New York, of the due institution of Pioneer Lodge at Stockport, and the circumstances attending the organization of the said Lodge has been received, which is fully explained in the correspondence accompanying the very interesting report of the able and efficient commission upon which this delegation was conferred. I regret to inform the Representatives that soon after the institution of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, it ceased to meet, owing to causes which will appear upon examination of the report of the commissioners, and the memorial and remonstrance of P. Pro. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, of Stockport, England, herewith submitted. I had the honor, soon after the last session, in obedience to the orders directing a warrant to be issued to P. G. James W. Hale and Thos.

W. Colburn, for a Lodge to be styled Oriental Lodge, No. 2, to be located at the city of Liverpool, England, and the further order directing two of the printed Reports of the Committee on Revision, conforming to the amended Lectures and Charges, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be prepared and transmitted to P. G. James W. Hale, at Liverpool, to perform that duty. Oriental Lodge, No. 2, has not been instituted, in consequence of a misunderstanding which unhappily prevailed in relation to the priority as to numbers of the two Lodges instituted in England, for the particulars of which you are referred to the elaborate remonstrance of P. G.'s James W. Hale and his colleague, on the English commission, herewith presented.

Herewith I present a condensed review of the general state of the Order in this jurisdiction, as derived from the correspondence of this department.

Canada.—From D. D. G. Sire Sewall, of this district, a report has been received, which, with the correspondence with that officer, during the year, serves to show that there has been a great increase of Lodges and members within the jurisdiction. The Patriarchal branch of the Order has equally advanced with the subordinate work, and a warrant has been issued for the institution of a Grand Encampment for the Province of Canada.

Michigan.—The report of the able and efficient D. D. G. Sire of Michigan is full of interest, exhibiting as it does the gratifying results of active and earnest efforts on the part of the Grand Officers of the State. D. D. G. Sire Kellogg has distinguished himself by unremitting exertions and a zealous co-operation with the State authorities, in promoting the welfare of the Order. The increase in this jurisdiction, during the past year, in all the departments of the Order, has been very great.

Vermont.—Three new Lodges have been instituted in this district during the past year, and the Patriarchal Order has been introduced by the institution of Winooski Encampment, No. 1, at Montpelier. To D. D. G. Sire B. C. True and D. G. Sire Case, much credit is due, for their obliging and prompt answer to the call made for their services in visiting this State, organizing the new Lodges and Encampment, and giving general instructions in the work. The attention of the Representatives is especially invited to the interesting report of these officers.

Maine.—The highest degree of prosperity pervades the Order within this jurisdiction. The correspondence during the year with D. D. G. Sire Smith and the Grand Officers of Maine, has been highly gratifying. The unsettled accounts of the former D. D. G. Sire of this State were placed, at the request of the commission heretofore appointed to adjust the same, in the hands of D. D. G. Sire Smith, and I regret to say that but little hope is entertained of realizing further payments from the delinquent officer. Some further order must be adopted on this subject.

Massachusetts.—The reports of the D. D. G. Sire and of the Grand

Lodge of this jurisdiction, shew the continued triumphant progress of our beloved Order within this ancient commonwealth. The increase in strength, in every sense in which the term may be employed, whether as regards numbers, respectability of character, Lodges, or moral influence, is unparalleled, it is believed, in the history of any similar institution. The able and attentive Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, Bro. W. H. Jones, has been among the most valued correspondents of this office.

New Hampshire.—I have had but little correspondence with this State during the year, but from the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge, which has been made in due season, it appears that the progress of the Order, if quiet and noiseless, has been rapid and diffusive. Eight new Lodges have been instituted and above six hundred added to the constituency of the Order during the past year.

Rhode Island.—Odd-Fellowship in this State continues to prosper in all its departments. D. D. G. Sire James Wood, of this State, has by his active labors and untiring efforts, in the cause of the Order, justly endeared himself to the whole brotherhood.

Connecticut.—I am happy to report that the most abundant success has crowned the labors of our brethren in Connecticut during the past year.

New York.—The report of D. D. G. Sire McGowan, of this district, exhibits the most gratifying picture of the state of the Order within the State; great accessions of Lodges, Encampments and members, have been made to this vast jurisdiction of Odd-Fellowship during the past year.

Pennsylvania.—The Report of D. D. G. Sire Stokes, of Pa., has been received. It is due to the efficient and energetic administration of the affairs of this State Grand Lodge, that the undersigned should distinguish it for its untiring zeal in behalf of the Order, and the extraordinary success which has crowned its labors. In no part of the jurisdiction has there been a greater accession of members and Lodges. The report of the D. D. G. Sire is full of interest, and the promptness and precision of Grand Secretary Curtis, in strictly conforming to the requisitions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in making in due season all his reports, is a worthy example and deserving the highest commendation. During the year a magnificent structure has been erected by the Lodges of Pennsylvania, which, on the 17th of the present month, was solemnly dedicated to the exalted principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, amid the gratulations of thousands of the assembled brotherhood from all quarters of the jurisdiction.

New Jersey.—All is prosperous within this State, and the highest degree of harmony and fellowship prevails in all departments of the Order.

Delaware.—I have the honor to report that a new impetus has been given to Odd-Fellowship within this jurisdiction. The languor which formerly prevailed has been dissipated and a general zeal now pervades the brotherhood. The number of members has nearly doubled during the last year.

Maryland.—From the report of D. D. G. Sire Marley, of this district, it appears that four new Lodges and one Encampment have been instituted during the year, and two defunct Lodges revived. The Order is represented by this officer to be in a very flourishing condition within his jurisdiction.

District of Columbia.—The distinguished D. D. G. Sire of this district, P. G. M. W. W. Moore, continues his unremitting exertions in behalf of the Order. The report of the Grand Lodge exhibits a progressive increase over that of the last year. The Patriarchal department within this jurisdiction has had a season of great prosperity, and may be justly distinguished for the precision and accuracy of its work. A Grand Encampment has been instituted by the D. D. G. Sire, which now exerts jurisdiction over all the Subordinates of the district. The act of congress providing for the retrocession of the county of Alexandria to the State of Virginia will, it seems, require some change in the subordinate relations of the Encampment at Alexandria, now under the charge of the G. Encampment of the District.

Virginia.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this State has been made, and from the correspondence of the Grand Secretary, and the details of the report, I learn that the Order is highly prosperous in this State.

North Carolina.—From the estimable D. D. G. Sire of this State, P. G. M. Alex. MacRae, I learn that "our Order is in a healthy condition in North Carolina, not easily excited and therefore getting on soberly."

South Carolina.—I have great pleasure in being able to reiterate the sentiments of my former reports as to the highly prosperous career of Odd-Fellowship within this valued jurisdiction. Our beloved Order continues to occupy a high position in the confidence and esteem of the people of South Carolina.

Georgia and Florida.—D. D. G. Sire Wylie Williams, of this district, has been prompt and efficient in his services to the Order in these States. His able reports, herewith presented, need no comment; they present, in clear and perspicuous characters, the healthy condition of Odd-Fellowship within his jurisdiction.

Alabama.—The Annual Report of this Grand Lodge and dues have been received, as heretofore, within the fiscal year. It is gratifying to witness the great increase in the Order, which has resulted from its introduction to the interior of the State. The report of D. D. G. Sire Williamson, herewith submitted, is full of interest. This brother has distinguished himself by a prompt, willing, and active service throughout the State, in organizing new Lodges and Encampments, and general instruction in the revised work.

Mississippi.—Grand Secretary John B. Dicks, of this State, continues to be a valued and faithful correspondent with this office. The Annual Report has been received from him in due season, and the report of D. D. G. Sire Geo. I. Dicks presents a most cheering picture of the improved progress of Odd-Fellowship in this State.

Louisiana.—It is with great pleasure I report the continued healthy increase of the Order in this State. Under the renewed impulse, given to it during the last two years, Odd-Fellowship has taken new

root within the borders of Louisiana, and is now soon destined to attain a rank due to its seniority in the confederacy. D. D. G. Sire Coleman, of this district, has maintained with this department an interesting correspondence during the year.

Missouri.—I acknowledge the obligations due to D. D. G. Sire G. B. Allen, of Missouri, for valuable services rendered to the Grand Lodge of the United States during the year, in this district and its vicinity. Added to his efficiency in Missouri, he has promptly responded to all calls made upon him, by the undersigned, for services in the adjoining States, at points without the reach of the proper officers of such districts, and has performed such service in a manner worthy the especial notice of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Order in Missouri is highly prosperous in all its branches.

Illinois.—In consequence of the extreme northwestern locality of D. D. G. Sire Potts, appointed for northern Illinois and Wisconsin, and Iowa in part, the Grand Sire specially commissioned D. D. G. Sire Allen, of Missouri, to have in charge the state of Odd-Fellowship in middle and southern Illinois. This officer has opened two Encampments in this State during the year, one at Bellsville, and the other at Quincy—of the condition of the Grand Lodge and its operations, I am happy to report considerable improvement during the year. Some suggestions, herewith presented, from D. D. G. Sire Allen, in relation to the Order in this State, are worthy your consideration.

Indiana.—Grand Master Taylor and Grand Secretary Cayce, of Indiana, have corresponded during the year with the undersigned, and present the Order in a highly flourishing state.

Ohio.—The Grand Lodge of this State, with usual punctuality, has made its Annual Report within the fiscal year. Our strength in this distinguished jurisdiction has nearly doubled during the past year. This being the residence of the Grand Sire, reference is more particularly made to his report for details. I cannot forbear, however, the favorable mention of Grand Master Day for his regular and valued correspondence with this office. To D. D. G. Sire Blain, of Columbus, I am also under many obligations for valuable services during the year. His report is herewith submitted.

Kentucky.—This State, during the past year, has acquired the highest grade of representation, having increased to over 1000 contributing members. From the reports and correspondence with the proper officers, I have great pleasure in stating that universal harmony and the highest degree of prosperity prevails in all the departments of the Order in Kentucky.

Tennessee.—I have had but little information from this State during the year; but from the report of D. D. G. Sire Tannehill, of Memphis, we have the assurance of the healthy state of the Order within his jurisdiction. Warrants have been issued for two additional Encampments in this State.

Arkansas.—D. D. G. Sire William F. Davis was appointed to have in special charge the state of Odd-Fellowship in Arkansas; from his report, herewith submitted, it will appear that he has re-

animated Far West Lodge, No. 1, at Little Rock, which had almost ceased to exist, and instituted a new Lodge, Telulah, No. 2, at Helena, Arkansas, his report and account in relation to which are herewith submitted for your approbation.

Wisconsin, Iowa, and Northern Illinois.—This district is divided between D. D. G. Sires John G. Potts, of Galena, and Wm. Duane Wilson, of Milwaukie; the reports of these two officers deserve the marked notice of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In no part of the jurisdiction has there been more active, zealous and laborious duties performed by any of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It will be seen that they have covered this section all over with Lodges and Encampments. Applications, during the recess, have been received from Iowa and Wisconsin for Grand Lodge warrants, which are herewith presented.

Texas.—I have but little information to report as to the condition of the Order in Texas. Three Lodges exist in tolerable health. It is to be hoped that the permanent and vastly improved political condition of the State will tend to add much to the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship within its borders.

The undersigned would again, with great deference, recommend to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the subject of a uniform code of General Laws, and the propriety of reducing into form, all such laws as derive their force from usage. It is impossible to convey an adequate idea to the Grand Lodge, of the constant and increasing enquiries that are made of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from all quarters, for opinions upon questions of law, not unfrequently arising out of differences of opinion among some of the oldest and best informed members of the Order—added to which, the Grand Sire is crowded with similar applications. It is made by law the duty of the Grand Sire to determine all such points of difference, and the undersigned having no power to respond *officially*, has, for the most part, transmitted the many letters received on these subjects to the M. W. Grand Sire. This imposes upon that officer an onerous and often delicate responsibility, which properly should reside in the Grand Lodge itself, by virtue of general laws, which would settle uniformly the fundamental laws and discipline of the Order. The constantly conflicting decisions in the legislation of the State Grand Lodges upon questions of usage and discipline, by which each State adopts its own construction and practice, will lead to great embarrassment in the general jurisprudence of the Order, if this subject be deferred, as it has heretofore been, from time to time. As I have already intimated, no correct idea can be formed of the extent of the inquiries which are addressed to this office for advice and counsel, unless by examination of its correspondence; to all of which, the undersigned has been ever ready, and will continue to be ever ready, to respond as an *individual*, if it still please the Grand Lodge to continue the existing state of things.

The Journal of the last session was delayed beyond the time prescribed by law for its distribution among the subordinates to this jurisdiction, by the printers, which occasioned complaints; the un-

dersigned deems it due to himself to state that the manuscript of the Journal was placed in the hands of the printers within thirty days after the close of the session. It is due also to those enterprising brothers, the contractors for the printing of the regular Journal, to state in extenuation of the delay, that having also the contract for printing the revised work, and being extremely anxious to hasten the accomplishment of this object within the period prescribed by the resolution of last session, to wit, January 1, 1846, that they found it absolutely necessary to defer the Journal to that more important object. Hereafter, the undersigned will ensure a compliance with existing laws in relation to the distribution of the Journal. When printed it was rapidly disseminated to all parts of the jurisdiction and to the proper officers entitled to receive the same. Herewith is presented the Constitutions and By-Laws, received during the recess, submitted for your examination and approval, also the Journal of Proceedings of the different state Grand Lodges and Encampments. I am happy to acknowledge that most of these bodies have complied with the resolution of the last session, so far as to transmit the current Proceedings of their respective bodies, but I have to regret that so much of the resolution, which asks for a bound copy of the entire Journal of each state, has not met a cordial response. It will be apparent, that, in order to render these proceedings valuable as embracing important information in relation to the history and progress of the Order, they should be complete and perfect. It is respectfully suggested that power be vested in the Corresponding Secretary, authorising him to procure from each state a bound copy of the entire Journal of Proceedings of such state.

Dispensations, according to law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, have been issued during the year, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

District of Columbia, at Alexandria.

Province of Canada, at Montreal.

State of Missouri, at St. Louis.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

To Telulah Lodge, - - - -	No 2, Helena, Arkansas.
" Windsor Lodge, - - - -	" 3, Windsor, Vermont.
" White River Lodge, - - -	" 4, Bethel, "
" Wantastequet, - - - -	" 5, Battleboro, "
" Kneeland, - - - -	" 5, Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
" Lilly of the Mount, .. - -	" 6, Platteville, "
" Southport, - - - -	" 7, Southport, "
" Racine, - - - -	" 8, Racine, "
" Olive Branch, - - - -	" 9, Delavin, "
" E-NE-WE. Shin-E-Grass	" 10, Beloit, "
" Burlington, - - - -	" 11, Burlington, "
" Sheboyon, - - - -	" 12, Sheboyon, "
" Muscatine Lodge, - - - -	" 5, Bloomington, Iowa.
" Kosciusko, - - - -	" 6, Iowa city, "

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

To Magenenu, - - - - -	No. 4, Washington City, D. C.
" Allen, - - - - -	" 4, Quincy, Illinois.
" Lead Mine, - - - - -	" 5, Galena, "
" Neilson, - - - - -	" 6, Belleville, "
" Milwaukie, - - - - -	" 1, Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
" Calumet, - - - - -	" 3, Newbern, N. C.
" Hobah, - - - - -	" 3, New Orleans, La.
" Winooski, - - - - -	" 1, Montpelier, Vermont.
" _____ - - - - -	" 4, Nashville, Tenn.
" Jackson, - - - - -	" 5, Franklin, "
" Palestine, - - - - -	" 3, Newport, R. I.
" Royal Mount Camp, - - -	" 3, Montreal, Canada.
" St. Louis, - - - - -	" 4, Quebec, "
" _____ - - - - -	" 1, Jacksonville, Florida.
" Paw-Wah-Ting, - - - - -	" 3, Niles, Michigan.
" Lenawa, - - - - -	" 4, Adrian, "
" Wildey, - - - - -	" 5, Jackson, "
" Samaritan, - - - - -	" 6, Kalamazoo, "
" Flint, - - - - -	" 6, Albany, Georgia.

The several applications for these warrants are herewith submitted, the returns of the D. D. G. Sires, to whom they were directed, it is presumed, are embraced within their general reports to the Grand Sire, as but few special returns have been made to this office. In the event of your approbation of these warrants, they become *ipso facto*, by virtue of the resolution of September Session, 1843, absolute as charters. I subjoin, in tabular form, a condensed view of the state of the Order, and its general operations during the past year, as derived from the Annual Reports of the Grand Lodges, also a comparative statement showing its relative condition in the years 1845 and 1846—Doc. 1-2.

In view of the vast increase of the Order, during the last few years, and the correspondent greatly augmented labors of this office, the undersigned, at the last session, suggested the passage of a law creating permanent officers in each state, with defined powers, to act as the special agents of the Grand Lodge of the United States, under his direction. This suggestion was made from a belief that much valuable aid might be derived from efficient officers of this class by the Corresponding Secretary, in the collection of the accounts of his office, the safe transmission of packages, and the prompt return of the Annual Reports. The Grand Lodge thought proper to gratify the undersigned in this suggestion, in part, but upon the recommendation of the then Grand Sire enlarged the functions of these officers by constituting them D. D. G. Sires with vaguely defined powers. The effect of this legislation has been embarrassing. In some instances, these officers have wholly misconceived their authority, and in other cases they have declined to exercise any functions, from the absence of law specifically defining and detailing their duties. It is the opinion of the undersigned, that, in se

far as they are made agents of the Corresponding Secretary, under his direction they are valuable aids to that officer, in the discharge of his varied and comprehensive duties; but in reference to their official or executive functions in states where Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments exist, he doubts their utility, unless clothed with specifically defined powers.

I feel it to be my duty to present to the consideration of the Representatives the subject of printing the work of the Order. It is well known that the Grand Lodge of the United States has thought proper to reserve to itself the exclusive right of printing its own work; this course has been adopted not only as a conservative, or protective measure, but also as a source of revenue. During the past year, and since the new work has been in force in some states, all the Odes and Charges have been printed in card form by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and in some instances by individuals. From other States the enquiry has been made of the undersigned, as to the power to print these Odes and Charges, and he has responded, that, in his judgment, it was improper. This subject is submitted that you may, by law, determine whether any part of the work, or any form of Diploma may be printed by state authority, and, if so, to what authority in the state the power shall be limited. It is unnecessary for the undersigned to say that the authorization of this practice will materially divert from the revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States, especially in the matter of Diplomas.

In conformity with the resolution of 1844, directing "that the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Lodge, in his Annual Report, with a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amount due to and by it, and a statement of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges, which may not have reported, said report to be made up to within two weeks of the Annual Session of this body," I beg leave, so far as the returns have enabled me to comply with this law, to present the accompanying tabular statements, conveying the information required, marked A, B, C, D. By the resolution of September Session, 1844, prescribing the 1st of July and the 30th June, as the periods within which the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States should commence and terminate, the Corresponding Secretary is directed to close the accounts of this office in each year with the 30th June. This salutary regulation was adopted with a view to bring before the Representatives, at each Annual Session, a full detail of the entire operations of the Order during the year.

In order to enable the Corresponding Secretary to prepare and submit a correct report upon this subject, a reasonable time was allowed between the termination of the fiscal year and the commencement of your Annual Session; but I have to reiterate the expression of my sincere regret that a general disposition does not prevail on the part of Grand Lodges and Encampments to comply with this law. I had entertained the hope that the appointment of D. D. G. Sires for each state would have insured a very general return from the subordinates to this jurisdiction, within the fiscal year, but in the

aid expected, in this particular, from these officers, I have been wholly disappointed. Believing that it is impracticable ever to get the business of this office into a proper system, without a strict conformation to this law on the part of every state Grand Lodge and Encampment; and, having heretofore repeatedly employed the means of public notification, and private circular, to each of these bodies within a reasonable time, before the expiration of the fiscal year, without success, I would very respectfully recommend, as probably the best means of procuring the annual returns from state Grand Lodges and Encampments, within the fiscal year, that a law be passed directing such reports to be made up to the end of the quarter immediately preceding the 30th June in each year, and in the event of a failure to comply with this regulation the imposition of some reasonable fine, or disability. It is true, by pursuing this course, the returns made for the first year would only embrace a period of three quarters, but every future report would comprehend the operations of the entire year, and thus this most to be desired object may be fully attained. Experience has satisfied me that the law had better be entirely abandoned and the old system returned to, when the Annual Reports were brought in during the session, and the Representatives thus left without any official information and without any ability to legislate properly, in relation to these important subjects, at the very time, when all the details which they should present, should have been collected, digested and submitted in a condensed form for their examination, than that a law should exist nominally on the statute book, and be complied with or not at the pleasure of those whom it concerns. Without such a regulation, no system can be maintained in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, and unless it be strictly enforced, the law is of no value, I beg therefore earnestly to ask that measures may be adopted to compel a compliance with its provisions.

It is contended by the Grand Lodges and Encampments which fail to comply, that their annual returns cannot be got in by the 30th of June, because their last quarter antecedent to the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States does not terminate until after that period. Now, it is very obvious that there is no reason for deferring their Annual Report until the last quarter of the year, since they are required by law to report up to 30th June, and to comply with this order it is only necessary to report up to the end of the quarter preceding that period. Every Grand Lodge and every Grand Encampment is interested, deeply interested in the proper administration of the office of the Corresponding Secretary, and let me assure them, that no satisfactory statistics can be presented to them of the affairs of the Order, unless they will all unite in obedience to this law.

In compliance with the order requiring the Grand Corresponding Secretary "to pay over all monies received by him in the vacation for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source and for what object, the undersigned presents the following statement of the receipts of his office during the fiscal year of 1845-6. Herewith is also presented

a supplementary statement, showing the receipts of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from what source, and for what object, since the termination of the fiscal year and the commencement of the Annual Session; the various sums received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

Statement of Receipts of Grand Secretary during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1845, and terminating June 30, 1846.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Sept. 17.	Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, Iowa.....	Warrant.	\$30 00	181
Nov. 25,	Magenenu Camp., No 4, Washington.....		30 00	191
Dec. 26,	----- Lodge, Bloomington, Iowa.....		30 00	196
1846. Jan'y 5,	Lilly of the Mount Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	199
"	Paw-wah-ting Camp., No. 3, Michigan.....		30 00	"
Feb'y 17,	Hobat Camp., No. 3, New Orleans.....		30 00	205
March 9,	Royal Mount Camp., No. 3, Canada.....		30 00	212
" 16,	Lenawa'wee Camp., No. 4, Michigan.....		30 00	215
"	Wildey Camp., No. 5, Michigan.....		30 00	"
" 18,	Allen Camp., No. 4, Quincy, Illinois..		30 00	217
*" 26,	Oregon City Lodge, No. 1, Oregon.....		30 00	219
"	Palestine Camp., Rhode Island.....		30 00	220
April 6,	Southport Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	223
"	Racine Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	224
" 9,	Bethel Lodge, No. 4, Vermont.....		30 00	227
" 13,	Grand Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	228
"	Woodville Camp, Mississippi.....		30 00	229
" 27,	Florida Camp., No. 1, Florida.....		30 00	234
May 7,	Lead Mine Camp., Galena, Illinois.....		30 00	240
" 18,	Olive Branch Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	244
"	Ene-we-shin-e-grass Lodge, Wisconsin...		30 00	"
June 11,	Windsor Lodge, No. 3, Vermont.....		30 00	249
"	Neilson Camp., No. 6, Illinois.....		30 00	"
" 15,	St. Louis Camp., Quebec, Canada.....		30 00	250
" 23,	Samaritan Camp., No. 6, Michigan.....		30 00	256
" 30,	Calumet, No. 4, North Carolina.....		30 00	264
"	Burlington Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	269
"	Grand Camp., District of Columbia.....		30 00	271
"	Grand Camp. of Canada.....		30 00	274
"	Jackson Camp., No. 4, Tennessee..		30 00	282
"	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....		30 00	283
"	Winooski Camp., No., 1, Vermont.....		30 00	286
"	Flint Camp., No. 6, Georgia.....		30 00	290
"	Kosciusko Lodge, No. 6, Iowa..		30 00	295
Total for Warrants.....			\$1020 00	
1845. Sept. 17,	Nashoonow Camp., N. H.....	Dues	\$42 00	180
"	Wonlanset Camp., N. H.....		16 74	"
"	Menotomy Camp., Mass.....		7 20	"
"	Monomake Camp., Mass.....		6 05	"
"	Strawberry Bank Camp., N. H.....		30 00	"
" 18,	Delaware Camp., Wilmington, Del.....		34 64	183
Nov. 25,	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vt.....		11 26	192
" 27,	Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Iowa..		5 75	193

*Charter fee received, although no warrant issued from this office.

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Dec. 11,	Sagamore Camp., No. 3, Maine.....	Dues.	\$4 19	194
"	Eastern Star, No. 2, do.....		7 41	"
"	Sagadahahock, No. 6, do.....		1 20	"
"	Border, No. 8, do.....		10 20	"
" 13,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin.....		14 00	195
" 29,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont.....		62 31	197
1846. Jan. 5,	Machigonne Camp., Maine.....		9 00	198
"	Hobah Camp., do.....		1 00	"
" 16,	Florida Lodge, Florida.....		6 12	200
"	Kennedy Lodge, do.....		3 00	"
Feb. 9,	Magnolia Camp., Georgia.....		32 00	202
" 14,	Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Iowa.....		6 00	204
" 24,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin.....		13 00	207
"	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vermont.....		22 60	208
" 26,	Green Mountain, No. 1, do.....		9 65	209
March 5,	Michigan Camp., No. 1, Detroit.....		14 40	210
"	Marshall Camp, do.....		2 25	"
" 9,	Angusta Camp., Georgia.....		15 24	213
" 18,	Miners' Lodge, Iowa.....		14 00	216
"	Wilkey Camp., Missouri.....		9 59	217
"	Frontier Camp., do.....		29	"
"	Stewart Camp., do.....		6 90	"
" 26,	Nashoonow Camp., N. H.....		2 00	218
"	Wonolanset Camp., do.....		1 06	"
"	Penecoke Camp., do.....		1 00	"
"	Quocheco Camp., do.....		2 00	"
"	Strawberry Bank, do.....		2 20	"
April 4,	Maine Lodge, No. 1, Maine.....		37 31	222
"	Maine Antient Brothers, do.....		54 35	"
" 6,	Milwaukie Lodge, Wisconsin.....		41 69	225
"	Illinois Camp., No. 3, Illinois.....		6 42	"
" 18,	Narraganset Camp., Rhode Island.....		30 43	231
"	Mossashnuck Camp., do.....		69 41	232
May 5,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont.....		14 87	235
" 7,	Florida and Kennedy Lodges, Florida.....		47 43	237
"	Magnolia Camp., Georgia.....		22 38	"
"	Ocmulgee Camp., do.....		8 00	"
"	Franklin Camp., do.....		8 85	"
"	Chatahoochie Camp., do.....		24 14	"
" 9,	Augusta Camp., do.....		15 24	"
" 18,	Washington Lodge, Iowa.....		12 76	241
"	Keosanqua Lodge, Iowa.....		14 16	243
" 27,	Katahan Camp, Maine.....		8 00	246
June 29,	Washington Lodge, Iowa.....		13 00	259
" 30,	Miners' Lodge, Wisconsin.....		15 00	262
"	Bain Camp., North Carolina.....		15 40	266
"	Harmony Lodge, Iowa.....		8 54	267
"	Rose of the Valley, Iowa.....		9 63	"
"	Jefferson Lodge, Iowa.....		15 17	270
"	Harmony Lodge, do.....		11 83	"
"	Columbian Camp., District of Columbia..		61 80	271
"	Mount Pisgah Camp., do.....		25 51	"
"	Magenenu Camp., do.....		57 98	"
"	Michigan Camp., Detroit.....		34 19	273
"	Marshall Camp., do.....		11 01	"
"	Paw-wah-ting Camp., do.....		22 38	"
"	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin.....		13 58	277

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. June 30,	Miners' Lodge, Wisconsin.....	Dues.	\$7 46	277
"	Lilly of the Mount Lodge, do.....		19 46	"
"	Wilkey Camp., Mississippi.....		26 50	280
"	Milwaukie Lodge, Wisconsin.....		28 82	281
"	Milwaukie Lodge, do.....		10 90	"
"	Kneeland Lodge, do.....		7 69	"
"	Southport Lodge, do.....		29 11	"
"	Southport Lodge, do.....		30 34	"
"	Racine Lodge, do.....		22 68	"
"	Racine Lodge, do.....		26 38	"
"	Illinois Camp. Chicago.....		4 88	"
"	Black Warrior Camp., Ala.....		15 60	284
"	Windsor Lodge, No. 3, Vermont.....		22 00	286
"	Vermont Lodge, do.....		16 27	"
"	Mount Arrarat Camp., Mobile.....		11 77	287
"	Illinois Camp., No. 3, Illinois.....		10 00	288
"	Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, Iowa.....		28 39	291
"	Hochelaga Camp., No. 1, Canada.....		105 54	292
"	Royal Mount Camp, do.....		27 10	"
"	Narraganset Camp, Rhode Island.....		37 75	293
"	Mossashuck Camp, do.....		85 22	"
"	St. Paul's Camp., Alabama.....		46 50	296
Total for Dues.....			\$1775 97	
1845. Sept. 15,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	Books.	\$22 00	178
" 16,	do. do. Ohio.....		50 00	179
"	do. do. New Hampshire.....		12 30	"
" 18,	do. do. Illinois.....		2 00	182
" 19,	Grand Camp of New Jersey.....		2 00	185
" 27,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....		3 00	187
Nov. 15,	do. do. Texas.....		7 00	189
1846. Jan. 26,	do. do. Pennsylvania.....		500 00	201
Feb. 14,	do. do. Rhode Island...		80 00	203
" 20,	do. do. Connecticut.....		152 50	206
March 11,	do. do. South Carolina.....		42 50	214
" 28,	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....		192 00	221
April 15,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....		524 00	230
" 27,	do. do. Ohio.....		311 77	233
May 5,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont.....		4 00	235
" 7,	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....		122 00	238
"	do. do. Tennessee.....		5 00	239
" 18,	do. do. Maine.....		171 00	242
" 22,	Grand Camp. of Maryland.....		37 50	245
" 27,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....		62 50	247
June 11,	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....		30 00	248
" 20,	do. do. Massachusetts.....		120 00	252
"	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....		89 25	253
"	do. do. Kentucky.....		108 00	254
" 22,	do. do. Michigan.....		86 00	255
" 23,	Michigan Camp., No. 1. Michigan.....		6 00	256
"	Marshall Camp., No. 2, do.....		6 00	"
" 26,	Grand Camp. of Connecticut.....		90 00	257
"	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....		160 00	258
" 30,	Wilkey Camp., Missouri.....		6 00	260
"	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....		104 38	"
"	do. do. South Carolina.....		80 00	261

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DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. June 30,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	Books.	\$157 00	263
"	D. D. Grand Sire MacRae, of N. C.....		5 00	265
"	Grand Camp. of S. Carolina.....		36 00	268
"	Marley Camp., Alexandria.....		6 00	271
"	Columbian Camp., Washington.....		6 00	"
"	Mount Pisgah Camp, Georgetown.....		6 00	"
"	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....		27 00	272
"	D. D. Grand Sire Kellogg, of Michigan...		10 00	273
"	Grand Camp. Kentucky.....		30 00	275
"	Grand Lodge of New York.....		953 62	278
"	Grand Camp. of New York.....		303 38	279
"	Wilkey Camp. Mississippi.....		6 00	280
"	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....		41 00	289
"	Hochelaga Camp., Canada.....		6 00	292
Total for Books.....			\$4788 40	
1845. Sept. 15,	Wm. Hilliard, Agent.....	Diplomas.	\$30 00	177
" 19,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.....		3 50	186
1846. May 7,	do. do. Alabama.....		75 00	233
"	do. do. Tennessee.....		81 00	239
" 18,	do. do. Maine.....		56 25	242
" 27,	do. do. Mississippi.....		37 50	247
June 30,	do. do. Pennsylvania.....		50 00	253
"	do. do. Maryland.....		18 75	263
"	do. do. Rhode Island.....		75 00	293
Total for Diplomas.....			\$427 00	
1845. Sept. 16,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	Cards.	\$75 00	179
"	Columbian Camp., District of Columbia...		7 81	186
Oct. 20,	Grand Lodge of N. C.....		21 87	183
Nov. 15,	do. do. Texas.....		4 38	189
" 20,	Miners' Lodge, Iowa.....		7 00	190
1846. Feb. 14,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....		7 81	203
" 24,	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vermont.....		5 00	203
March 18,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....		20 00	217
April 15,	do. do. Massachusetts.....		230 45	230
May 7,	D. D. G. Sire Wylie Williams, Georgia...		7 00	237
"	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....		50 00	238
"	do. do. Tennessee.....		62 75	239
" 18,	do. do. Maine.....		136 25	242
" 22,	Grand Camp. of Maryland.....		9 00	245
June 20,	do. do. Pennsylvania.....		40 00	248
"	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....		500 00	253
"	do. do. Kentucky.....		50 00	254
" 22,	do. do. Michigan.....		68 75	255
" 23,	Marshall Camp., Michigan.....		50	256
" 26,	Grand Camp. of Connecticut.....		35 00	257
" 30,	Grand Lodge of S. Carolina.....		11 52	261
"	do. do. Maryland.....		53 75	263
"	Grand Camp. of S. Carolina.....		10 38	263
"	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....		30 00	273
"	D. D. G. Sire Kellogg, Michigan.....		3 00	273
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....		\$245 23	276
"	do. do. Louisiana.....		42 75	289
Total for Cards.....			\$1740 21	

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DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	V.
1845. Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....1845	Rep. Tax	\$20 00	182
"	do. do. Delaware....."	.....	20 00	183
"	Grand Camp. of Ohio....."	.....	20 00	184
Oct. 30,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina....."	.....	20 00	185
1846. April 15,	do. do. Massachusetts.....1846	.....	40 00	230
May 7,	do. do. Tennessee.....1844	.....	20 00	239
" 18,	do. do. Maine.....1846	.....	40 00	242
" 22,	Grand Camp. of Maryland....."	.....	20 00	245
June 11,	do. do. Pennsylvania....."	.....	40 00	248
" 15,	Grand Lodge of Virginia....."	.....	40 00	251
" 20,	do. do. Pennsylvania....."	.....	40 00	253
"	do. do. Kentucky....."	.....	20 00	254
" 22,	do. do. Michigan....."	.....	20 00	255
" 26,	Grand Camp. of Connecticut....."	.....	20 00	257
"	Grand Lodge of New Jersey....."	.....	40 00	258
" 30,	do. do. Missouri....."	.....	20 00	260
"	do. do. South Carolina....."	.....	40 00	261
"	do. do. Maryland....."	.....	40 00	263
"	Grand Camp. of South Carolina....."	.....	20 00	268
"	Grand Lodge of Mississippi....."	.....	20 00	272
"	Grand Camp. of Kentucky....."	.....	20 00	275
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio....."	.....	40 00	276
"	Grand Camp. of New York....."	.....	40 00	279
"	Grand Lodge of Alabama....."	.....	20 00	285
"	do. do. Louisiana....."	.....	20 00	289
"	do. do. Rhode Island....."	.....	20 00	293
Total for Rep. Tax.....			\$720 00	
1846. Mar'h 5,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	Bal. of '45.	\$162 50	211
Aug. 4,	do. do. Mississippi.....	.....	27 00	272
"	do. do. Louisiana.....	.....	23 38	289
"	Covenant.....	.....	63 00	297
			\$275 88	
Total Balance.....			\$10,747 46	

Supplementary Statement showing the receipts of the Corresponding Secretary at the termination of fiscal year, June 30th.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. Sept. 19,	Justitia Lodge, No. 14, Wisconsin.....	Dispens'n.	\$30 00	299
" 21,	Wantastiquet, No. 5, Vermont.....	.....	30 00	304
Total for Dispensations.....			\$60 00	
Sept. 21,	St. Louis Camp. Canada.....	Dues.	\$18 00	303
"	Campbell Camp.....	.....	21 11	317
Total for dues.....			\$39 11	
Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....1846	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	300
"	do. do. Connecticut....."	40 00	297

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DATE	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT	V.
1846. Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	301
"	do. do. Indiana.....		20 00	302
"	do. do. New Hampshire.....		40 00	305
"	Grand Camp. of do.....		20 00	306
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....		20 00	307
"	Grand Camp. of Massachusetts.....		40 00	308
"	" Lodge of Canada		40 00	309
"	" " " 1845.....		20 00	309
"	" Camp., Virginia.....		20 00	310
"	" Lodge. N. C.....		20 00	313
"	" " New York.....		40 00	314
"	" Camp., Ohio.....		20 00	315
"	" Lodge, Tennessee.....		20 00	316
Total for Representative Tax..			\$400 00	
Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	Cards.	\$35 00	300
"	" Camp. of New Jersey.....		35 00	298
"	" Lodge of Indiana.....		75 00	302
"	" " New Hampshire.....		50 00	305
"	" Camp. do.		15 00	306
" 21,	" Lodge, Canada.....		36 39	309
"	" " New Jersey.....		185 50	311
"	" " North Carolina... ..		30 00	313
"	" " New York.....		934 38	314
"	" Camp. of Ohio.....		75 00	315
Total for Cards.....			\$1471 57	
Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	Books.	\$213 50	302
"	" " New Hampshire.....		87 00	305
" 21,	" Camp. of New Hampshire.....		22 00	306
"	" Lodge of Canada.....		136 00	309
"	" " New Jersey.....		50 00	311
"	" Camp., Ohio.....		150 00	315
"	Campbell Camp., N. C.....		4 00	317
"	Moshassock do , R. I.....		6 00	318
"	Narraganset do....		6 00	318
Total for Books.....			\$674 50	
" 20,				
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	Diplomas.	\$61 50	302
"	Grand Secretary of Massachusetts.....		50 00	312
"	do. do. New Jersey.....		37 00	311
Total for Diplomas.....			\$148 50	
Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	Balance.	\$84 00	205
"	" Camp., Ohio.....		21 87	315
Total Balance.....			\$105 87	
Total Amount.....			\$13,647 01	

The Revenue of the current year has been unusually large, owing in a great measure to the extraordinary receipts arising from the sale of books. This must not be considered as any guide as to the

future revenue of the Grand Lodge. The circumstances have been special from which these large receipts have proceeded, and will not in all probability occur again for many years. At the last session appropriations were made for the extinguishment of the debt of the Grand Lodge, as recommended by the Committee on Finance. The cash balance in the treasury directed to be applied to the payment of the then entire outstanding debt of this body consisting of \$3,487 47 has been so employed, except in regard to the item of \$1000, being the special loan from Marion Lodge of N. York; this sum remains unpaid from the fact that notwithstanding notice was given to that Lodge, early after the adjournment, of the readiness of the Treasurer to make the payment, no application for the fund has been received. It still remains subject to the order of the Lodge. In addition to the payments directed at the last session, all the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, including rent, officers' salaries, stationery, postage, &c., have been promptly paid as they respectively matured; also the expense of printing and binding the entire edition ordered of the revised work, the cost of printing seventy-four thousand cards, paper, the necessary alteration of the Diploma plate as required by law, and the printing of one thousand copies of the same, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 14th day of September, 1846, of \$6,180 08, which, together with the further receipts of the session, and the outstanding debts due by subordinates, as appear by the statements accompanying this report, will constitute, subject to the expenses incident to your present session, a large surplus, which it will be your duty, in the exercise of wisdom and discretion, properly to dispose of. The revenue of this Grand Lodge will hereafter fall back to its ordinary channel, and accrue only from the limited sources provided by law. These sources are being diminished as the Order advances. Upon the creation of Grand Lodges and Encampments, the revenue is substantially reduced, and there being now applications pending from Vermont, Iowa and Wisconsin, for Grand Charters, which will doubtless be granted, there will then remain but the single state of Arkansas directly tributary to your Treasury in the form of per centage; charter fees from these points will also cease, and the dependence of the Grand Lodge will be limited to the Encampment branch of the Order, which will soon, from the same cause, become exhausted. Under these circumstances, the only revenue to be considered certain and permanent is the Rep. Tax and the proceeds of sales of Books, Diplomas and Cards, of which but few will be sold, comparatively speaking. It will therefore be unwise, in the opinion of the undersigned, to disturb the existing revenue laws of the Grand Lodge. From a review of the field now occupied by our beloved Order, it will be seen that our labors have been crowned with a most abundant yield. Profound harmony prevails throughout our widely extended jurisdiction, now comprehending the whole of North America, counting a constituency of ninety thousand souls. The revered principles of the Order are beautifully illustrated in the spirit of brotherhood which every where prevails, and the great moral influence which is

being reflected from our Lodge rooms, is felt and acknowledged. We have done much for our fellow beings, and for society at large; much yet remains to be done. A vast amount of talent, wealth, and energy is concentrated in the extended family of Odd-Fellows; we, therefore, combine, perhaps to a greater extent than any other similar institution, all the elements of power necessary to the accomplishment of great good among men. May the Great Architect of the universe, who has thus far blessed our cause, continue to smile upon our labors, and direct in wisdom our further efforts in behalf of humanity.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. & R. Secretary.

Documents accompanying Report of Grand Corresponding Secretary.

(Doc. A.)

Dues by State Grand Lodges to Grand Lodge of the United States.

Maryland,.....	Books,.....	\$22 00	
	Cards,.....	50 00	
			\$72 00
Massachusetts,.....	Books,.....	15 00	
	Cards,.....	115 00	
			130 00
New York,.....	Diplomas,.....	150 00	
	Books,.....	48 38	
			198 38
Pennsylvania,.....	Books,.....	80 00	80 00
District of Columbia,.....	Diplomas,.....	9 00	
	Books,.....	70 50	
	Representative Tax, 1846,..	40 00	
			119 50
Delaware,.....	Balance of '45,.....	77 12½	
	Books,.....	33 50	
	Representative Tax, 1846,..	20 00	
			130 62
Louisiana,.....	Balance,.....	7 75	7 75
Ohio,.....	Balance of '45,.....	174 46	
	Cards,.....	37 00	
			211 46
New Jersey,.....	Diplomas,.....	9 00	9 00
Kentucky,.....	Books,.....	40 50	
	Cards,.....	50 00	
			90 50
Virginia,.....	Balance of '45,.....	129 26	
	Books,.....	160 00	
	Cards,.....	75 00	
			364 26
Indiana,.....	Diplomas,.....	13 50	13 50
Illinois,.....	Books,.....	63 50	
	Cards,.....	40 00	
	Representative Tax, 1846,...	20 00	
			123 50
Connecticut,.....	Cards,.....	60 00	60 00
Texas,.....	Balance of '45,.....	80 00	
	Books,.....	16 00	
	Cards,.....	25 00	
	Representative Tax, 1846,...	20 00	
			141 00

Tennessee,.....	Books,.....	133 00	
	Cards,.....	71 25	
			204 25
South Carolina,.....	Balance,.....	8 47	8 47
Maine,.....	Books,.....	25 00	25 00
Canada,.....	Books,.....	18 00	
	Cards,.....	68 00	
			86 00
Georgia,.....	Balance,..	68 13	
	Books,.....	60 00	
	Cards,.....	20 00	
			148 13
			<u>\$2,223 32</u>

(Doc. B.)

Due by Grand Encampments to Grand Lodge of the United States.

Maryland,.....	Books,.....	\$6 00	\$6 00
Pennsylvania,.....	Books,.....	60 00	60 00
Kentucky,.....	Balance of ac., 1846,.....	53 87	53 87
New Jersey,.....	Balance of '45,.....	23 00	
	Cards,...	41 25	
	Books,.....	37 00	
	Representative Tax, 1846,...	20 00	
			121 25
Virginia,.....	Balance of '45,.....	15 63	
	Cards,.....	13 75	
	Books,.....	72 00	
			101 38
South Carolina,.....	Balance of '45,.....	14 00	
	Cards,.....	2 50	
			17 50
Massachusetts,.....	Books,.....	66 00	66 00
Maine,.....	Cards,.....	15 00	
	Books,.....	72 00	
	Representative Tax,.....	20 00	
			107 00
New Hampshire,.....	Books,.....	20 00	20 00
District of Columbia,.....	Books,.....	24 00	
	Representative Tax,.....	20 00	
			44 00
Missouri,.....	Representative Tax,.....	20 00	20 00
			<u>\$617 00</u>

(Doc. C.)

Amount due by Grand Lodge of the United States, Sept. 20, 1846.

Special Loan, Marion Lodge, New York,.....\$1000

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires, report—

That they recommend that the same be printed, and appended to the proceedings of this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the Cor. Secretary's Annual Report was referred to a committee of three for the purpose of distributing the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees. The chair named Reps. Griffin, of Ga., Marshall, Ky., and Ellison, of Mass., as the committee.

Rep. Parmenter, from the committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. Parker, of N. H., in relation to the change of the name of this body, respectfully report—

That this body having been incorporated by the State of Maryland, and as by the act of the Legislature of said State, all its legal powers are involved in the name, style, and title which it now bears, any alteration thereof would not only be highly improper, but might be greatly disastrous to the interests and rights of this body.

The committee, therefore, report that legislation on the subject of the resolution is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain resolutions relating to the extension of terms of official service, report:

That in regard to the subject-matter of the resolutions proposing to extend the terms of official service in Subordinate Lodges, your committee are of the opinion that the Order generally has manifested discontent with the present limited terms. The attention of the Grand Lodge has heretofore been called to this subject, and there is now upon the table a resolution offered in obedience to instructions from a State Grand Lodge, which if adopted, would establish six months as the duration of official terms of Subordinates. Your committee believe that a longer term of office than at present is allowed, will secure to the Order the benefit of riper experience, more extensive knowledge of the affairs of the Order, and better judgment in their administration, on the part of incumbents of office. It is also deemed important that the commencement and termination of official terms should be uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Body. Your committee, therefore, trusting to the impression that the members of the Grand Lodge have satisfied themselves as to the expediency of the changes proposed, submit resolutions to meet these, without further argument.

Upon the resolution recommending the extension of the official

term of the M. W. Grand Sire, your committee do not readily discover that the alteration suggested, is equally important with the case already considered. The present term of two years is a serious burden upon the presiding officer, and the change of the chief Executive is not now so frequent as to effect the Order unfavorably. If it be desirable to continue in office an occupant of the Grand Sire's chair, it can better be done by his re-election, than by a prolongation of the term. Your committee therefore report that it is inexpedient to legislate upon this subject.

Your committee are, however, fully convinced that some change should be made in the term of service of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that a course should be fixed upon to prevent the possibility of an entire change from year to year in those who constitute this body. It is essential to the prompt and accurate transaction of business, that a certain number of members who have served at least one year previously should be present at each session of the Grand Lodge, and, with the intention of securing this object, your committee submit a proposed amendment to the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH

Resolved, That from and after the first day of December, 1846, the terms of Subordinate Lodges shall be for the period of six months.

Resolved, That the said terms shall commence on the first Monday of June and first Monday of December of each year.

Resolved, That the following lie on the table as a proposed amendment to the Constitution:—That Article Xth of the Constitution be amended as follows—after the words "received the R. P. Degree," add "they shall have been elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent for the term of two years from the commencement of the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, preceding which they shall have been so elected or appointed. *Provided*, that at the first annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States following the election of Representatives in pursuance of this amendment of the Constitution, the Representatives of every Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment entitled to two Representatives shall be divided into two classes, of which one class shall hold office for the term of one year, and the other class for the term of two years; and that the Representatives of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to one Representative shall in like manner be divided into two classes, said classes to be as nearly as may be equally divided, and to be determined by lot in the Grand Lodge of the United States."

The clause beginning with "they must have been elected" and ending with "Encampment they represent" be struck out.

And in the Certificate, all after the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" and preceding "Witness our hands," &c., be struck out.

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., that the Grand Lodge consider the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee seriatim,

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to postpone the motion of Rep. Miller until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., which was passed in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to lay the subject on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., to consider the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee seriatim, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee, pending the motion to adopt the same.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., called for the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin (2 votes,) Bayley, Day, Drew, Dunkin, Ellison, Garvin, Glenn, Greenwood, Griffin, Hoit, Judson, Kellogg, Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Marley, Miller, Morris (2 votes,) Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parker, Parmenter, Reid, Ropes, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Thompson, Veitch, Weld, Wells, White, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Hopkins—42.

NAYS.—Reps. Beardsley, Cooke, Desaussure, Fosdick, Gilley, Hough, McNairy, Marshall, Moore, Salomon, Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Whitney—16.

On motion, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., submitted the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, which was referred to the committee on Constitutions.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Sept. 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

Prayer by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary with the accompanying documents, with instructions to distribute the subjects therein

contained among appropriate committees, report and recommend that the following reference be made, to wit:

1. To a Special Committee of three, so much of the report as relates to a numerical registry and the failure of several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to comply with the law on that subject.

2. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the Grand Secretary of Mass., as agent for the sale of Diplomas.

3. To a Special Committee of three, so much as relates to visiting and clearance cards, and the signature of the Grand Secretary thereto.

4. To a Special Committee of three, so much as relates to the resolution passed at the last communication, ordering the preparation of diagrams, &c., illustrative of the work of the Order.

5. To a Special Committee of three, so much as relates to the copies of the old charge books, now in the custody of D. D. G. Sires.

6. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the bonds of D. D. G. Sires.

7. To the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as refers to our foreign relations.

8. To the Special Committee on the Memorials from Canada, so much as relates to that Province.

9. To the Committee on Correspondence, so much as relates to the correspondence of the Grand Secretary during the past year.

10. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the defalcation of the former D. D. G. Sire for Maine.

11. To the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as relates to the compilation of a uniform code of laws, &c.

12. To the Committee on Constitutions, so much as relates to the Constitutions, Journals, &c., of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

13. To the Committee on Petitions, so much as relates to the dispensations issued during the past year.

14. To the Special Committee already in charge of the subject, so much as relates to the office of D. D. G. Sire.

15. To the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as relates to the unauthorised printing of the work of the Order.

16. To the Committee on Returns, so much as relates to the returns from State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, &c., and the delay in the transmission thereof.

17. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the receipts and dues.

18. To the Committee on Finance, the accompanying report of the Grand Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. ELLISON.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., presented the Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of that State, which was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The chair announced the following Special Committees as provided by the report of the committee directing the distribution of the various subjects referred to in the Grand Secretary's report:

Committee on Num. Registry.—Reps. Garvin, of Ga.; Morris, of Pa., and Hough, of D. of C.

Committee on Cards and Signature of Grand Secretary.—Reps. Patterson, of Pa.; Reed, of Va., and Greenwood, of Conn.

Committee on Preparation of Diagrams, &c.—Reps. Stokes, of Pa.; Wells, of N. H., and Ellison, of Mass.

Committee on old Charge Books, &c.—Reps. Veitch, of Mo.; Page, of N. J., and McNairy, of Tenn.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be instructed to make a report to this Grand Lodge, defining the position and privileges of a member of the Order, under penalty pending an appeal to this body;

and thereon report:

That an appeal to this body gives to the member of the Order, under penalty, who is interested therein, no additional privileges and no different position from those he enjoys and occupies under the laws of his State Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Patterson, of Pa., called up for consideration the amendment to the 24th article of the By-Laws, proposed by him, upon the subject of the form of prayer used in the Order, which, on his motion, was referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Rep. MacRae, of N. C., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. MacRae, of N. C., beg leave to report the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

ALEX. MacRAE,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Resolved, That when an Odd-Fellow applies for, and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, that the amount of benefit granted shall be endorsed upon his card, and that the Lodge to which he belongs be notified by the Secretary of the Lodge granting the benefit, of the amount so granted.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Patterson, of Pa., who voted in the affirmative upon the motion to adopt the report of the committee on the subject of endorsing the relief granted

on the card of the recipient, to reconsider the same, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report whether or not a State Grand Lodge can reinstate a suspended or expelled brother without the consent of the Subordinate Lodge of which he was a member, provided he be charged with violating any known law of the Order.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., proposed the following amendments to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Add after the word "Lodge," in the 5th line of the new By-Law, on page 664 of the Journal of 1844, the words "and the C. P. and S. W. of an Encampment," and after the word "Master," in the 7th line, the words "and Grand Patriarch," and in the same line strike out "its," and insert "their," and change the word "deputy" into "deputies."

Strike out the words "other than honorary" in article 15 of the By-Laws.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Rep. Miller, of Conn., in relation to certificates of representatives, on page 866.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved to amend the first resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

And should any informality appear on the face of said certificate, the Grand Secretary shall return the same to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge for correction.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., moved further to amend the resolution as follows, which was also agreed to:

After the words "Grand Lodges and Grand Scribes of Grand Encampments."

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out 2d resolution, and insert—

Resolved, That hereafter Article X of the Constitution be strictly enforced.

Pending the consideration of this amendment:

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was passed in the affirmative.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the application for a Charter for the Grand Encampment of Missouri,*to be located at St. Louis, and for which a dispensation has been issued according to law during the recess of this body. Your committee recommend that this act of the Grand Officers be confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

**Grand Encampment of Missouri.*—The institution of this body took place on the 25th of Feb., when the following officers were installed:—Girard B. Allen, G. Patriarch; E. F. Macdonough, G. H. Priest; W. C. Corley, G. S. Warden; James Johnson, G. Scribe; E. H. Shephard, G. Treas.; Theodore Betts, G. J. Warden.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have examined cases of application for Subordinate Lodges, made to the Grand Officers during the late recess, as follows:

For Telulah Lodge, - - - -	No 2, Helena, Arkansas.
" Windsor Lodge, - - - -	" 4, Windsor, Vermont.
" White River Lodge, - - -	" 4, Bethel, "
" Wantastequet, - - - -	" 5, Battleboro, "
" Kneeland, - - - -	" 5, Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
" Lilly of the Mount, - - -	" 6, Platteville, "
" Southport, - - - -	" 7, Southport, "
" Racine, - - - -	" 8, Racine, "
" Olive Branch, - - - -	" 9, Delavin, "
" E-NE-WE. Shin-E-Grass	" 10, Beloit, "
" Burlington, - - - -	" 11, Burlington, "
" Sheboygan, - - - -	" 12, Sheboygan, "
" Muscatine Lodge, - - - -	" 5, Bloomington, Iowa.
" Kosciusko, - - - -	" 6, Iowa city, "

In all the above cases dispensations have been duly issued, and your committee recommend that they be confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have also examined applications for Subordinate Encampments, made to the Grand Officers during the late recess, as follows:

For Magenenu Camp, - - -	No. 4, Washington City, D. C.
" Allen, - - - -	" 4, Quincy, Illinois.
" Lead Mine, - - - -	" 5, Galena, "
" Neilson, - - - -	" 6, Belleville, "
" Milwaukie, - - - -	" 1, Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
" Calumet, - - - -	" 3, Newbern, N. C.
" Hobah, - - - -	" 3, New Orleans, La.
" Winooski, - - - -	" 1, Montpelier, Vermont.
" Olive Branch, - - - -	" 4, Nashville, Tenn.
" Jackson, - - - -	" 5, Franklin, "
" Palestine, - - - -	" 3, Newport, R. I.
" Royal Mount, - - - -	" 3, Montreal, Canada.
" St. Louis, - - - -	" 4, Quebec, "
" _____, - - - -	" 1, Jacksonville, Florida.
" Paw-Wah-Ting, - - - -	" 3, Niles, Michigan.
" Lenawee, - - - -	" 4, Adrian, "
" Wildey, - - - -	" 5, Jackson, "
" Samaritan, - - - -	" 6, Kalamazoo, "
" Flint, - - - -	" 6, Albany, Georgia.

In all these cases dispensations have been issued in conformity with law, and your committee recommend their confirmation.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, submitted a report on the application for a Grand Encampment of Michigan, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., to recommend the report to the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wood, of R. I., beg leave to report that the issuing of Circulars, by Subordinate Lodges, applying for pecuniary aid, has of late become very prevalent, being, for any thing that appears on the face of them, put forth by unauthorised individuals, and in order to prevent imposition it is necessary something should be done, and they think the resolution offered will have that effect. They, therefore, recommend that the resolution, as it stands on page 860, be adopted, and that the following be the form of Circular to be issued by Grand Masters.

JAMES WOOD,
W. G. DESAUSSURE,
F. O. WADSWORTH.

I. O. O. F.—CIRCULAR.

WHEREAS ——— Lodge, No. —, of the state (or territory) of ———, is under the necessity of appealing to her sister Lodges for pecuniary aid, in consequence of ———.

The Grand Lodge of ——— recommend to her Subordinate Lodges to contribute to the aid of said Lodge.

Signed, ———, G. M.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions offered by Rep. Salomon, of Ala., and the proposed amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws of this R. W. Body, offered by Rep. Patterson, of Pa., beg leave respectfully to report:

That, after due consideration of the subject, they are clearly of opinion that the practice of prayer as at present observed by various Lodges in the Order, is inconsistent with the principles of Odd-Fellowship, deficient in its form and direction, and loudly calls for the establishment of some general plan which shall govern the Order on this important subject.

They therefore respectfully offer as an amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws, the following as a substitute:

“All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under unreclaimed warrants granted by this Grand Lodge, shall be authorised to open and close the regular sessions by prayer. And all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under unreclaimed warrants granted by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to whom they are Subordinate, may open and close with prayer, permission from their Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment being first had and obtained.

“SEC. 2. When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall determine to open and close their meetings with prayer, the following shall be the forms of prayer used on such occasions:

Opening of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Almighty God! Father of all mercies, in whom we live and move and have our being, and from whom descendeth every good and perfect gift, accept our hearty thanks for the privileges of the present assembly, for the guardian care thou hast exercised over our beloved Order, and for all the mercies thou hast so graciously bestowed upon us collectively and individually. Continue those mercies, we beseech thee, to this present convocation—preside over our deliberations—direct us in all our doings, and may our labors, begun, continued, and ended, redound to the peace and well being of our fellow man.

We beseech thee, our Heavenly Father, to protect the widow and the orphan, the suffering, the distressed, and the forsaken—and so guide those who unite upon the broad platform of our friendly Order to the continued practice of the great duties it inculcates, until released from the labors of love below, we may be brought to the fruition of love on high, to the praise and glory of thy Holy name.—Amen.

Prayer for Closing a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Almighty God! our Heavenly Father, accept our hearty thanks for the peace and harmony which has distinguished our present convocation. Let thy blessing rest upon our labors, and continue to us thy Fatherly protection and care; and now that we go forth into the world from this retreat of friendship, may we carry with us the blessed influence of our principles, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and protect the orphan and the widow, and to bind man and man into holy brotherhood, all to the praise of thy Holy name.—Amen.

SEC. 3. When permission shall be given by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to their Subordinates to open or close with prayer, the following shall be the form used on such occasions:

Form of Prayer for Opening Subordinate Lodges.

Thou King Eternal! Immortal and Invisible, the only wise God and our Saviour! Thou art the Sovereign of universal nature—the only true object of our best and holiest affections—we render thee hearty thanks for that kind Providence which has preserved us during the past week, protecting us from the perils and dangers of this life,

and now permits us to assemble in thy name for the transaction of business.

We humbly beseech thee, our Heavenly Father, to preside over our assembly—breathe into our hearts the spirit of love and of a sound mind, and may each, may all be governed by an anxious desire to advance thy glory and meliorate the condition of man's wretchedness.

Let thy blessing rest upon our Order, upon all the Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, belonging to our entire family of brothers. Let Friendship, Love, and Truth prevail until the last tear of distress be wiped away, and the Lodge below be absolved by the glory and grandeur of the Grand Lodge above. This we ask in humble dependence upon, and in the most solemn adoration of thy one mysterious and glorious name.—Amen.

Form of Closing a Subordinate Lodge.

Almighty Father! Dismiss us, we implore thee, with thy blessing; let all that we have done upon this occasion meet acceptance and favor in thy sight, and may we still continue through thy aid and assistance to increase the usefulness of our Institution to ourselves and to all mankind.—Amen.

SEC. 4. When prayer may be used at any public celebration or assemblage of Odd-Fellows, the same spirit as observed in the foregoing shall be strictly followed by the officiating clergyman or chaplain. All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. SALOMON,
H. HOPKINS,
ARCHER ROPES.

On motion to accept the report, Rep. Drew, of Mass., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge accept the report of the committee," which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Baldwin, Day, Desaussure, Dunkin, Egan, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin, Kellogg, Kneass, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Patterson, Ropes, Salomon, Searfoss, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Weld, White, Whitney, Wood, P. G. S. Hopkins—32.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Beardsley, Cooke, Drew, Ellison, Fosdick, Garvin, Greenwood, Hoit, Hough, Judson, Marshall, Miller, Parker, Parmenter, Reid, Robinson, Seymour, Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Wells—22.

Rep. Cooke, of Va., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. G. Sire, as relates to the powers of the D. D. G. Sires, respectfully report—

That the powers and authority of District Deputy Grand Sires are *expressly defined and limited* by the 18th Article of the General Laws, as amended at the session of 1845, that these officers cannot lawfully exercise any powers not specifically conferred upon them by the said article, and are merely the agents of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.

Your committee believe that the appointment of D. D. G. Sires in those states, districts, or territories, in which Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments exist, is unnecessary, and do therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

M. COOKE,
I. P. GARVIN,
J. D. STEWART.

Resolved, That the 18th Article of the General Laws be amended by adding after the word "Territory," in the 2d line, the words "in which there are not a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment."

On motion, the report was accepted, and the proposed amendment to the 18th article of the By-Laws ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of certain Past Grands of the state of New York, and the memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of that state, in relation to a proposed change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that state, have considered the subject, and report:

That they are of the opinion that the Appeal cannot be entertained by this body, for the following reasons —

1st. Because the consent of the Grand Lodge of the state required by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge in all cases of appeal from the decisions of the State Grand Bodies, does not appear to have been obtained.

2d. Because the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge do not recognise the right of any individual or number of individuals to appeal to this body from any decision made by the State Grand Lodges.

3d. Because this Grand Lodge, by repeated decisions at its last annual session, refused to grant any such privilege, either with or without the consent of the State Grand Lodges.

The Committee therefore recommend, that the appellants have leave to withdraw their appeal.

The Committee have also had under consideration the memorial of the Grand Lodge of New York, having reference to the subject of the before mentioned appeal, in respect to which, they report:

That it does not seem to your Committee to contain any thing upon which action is required by this body.

So far as the action of the Grand Lodge of that State in reference to a proposed change in its Constitution is concerned, the Committee are not able to perceive that any thing has yet been done requiring the interference of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Constitution, when adopted, will require the ratification of this Grand Lodge before it will become the organic law of that jurisdiction. When it comes before this body, it may be proper, if deemed expedient, to institute any enquiry touching the legality or illegality of the manner adopted in its enactment.

The Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

On motion to adopt the report,

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge accept and adopt the report of the Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS —Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Cooke, Desausure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Greenwood, Hoit, Judson (2 votes,) Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Moore, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parker (2 votes,) Patterson, Reid, Robinson, Salomon, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Thomas, Thompson, White, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Hopkins—39.

NAYS.—Reps. Day, Dunkin, Garvin, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin, McNairy, Marley, Marshall, Parmenter, Ropes, Taylor of Ia., Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Whitney—18.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., proposed the following as an additional Rule of Order, which was adopted:

Rule of Order, No. 35.—No matter shall be considered at each morning session of the Grand Lodge until all reports of committees are gone through with; and the Grand Sire shall call for the reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., proposed to amend the Rules of Order as follows:

Add to 3d Rule of Order: "And in case the seat of any Representative shall be contested or objected to by reason of the irregularity of his election, the informality of his certificate, or from any other cause whatsoever, this Grand Lodge shall have the exclusive right of determining the question, and of deciding at all times upon the qualification of its own members.

The chair, P. G. S. Hopkins presiding, decided the proposition to be out of order, as in conflict with the qualifications of members defined in the Xth Article of the Constitution, from which decision Rep. Thompson, of Mass., appealed, and the question being: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Taylor, of Ia., offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was indefinitely postponed:

Whereas the language of the "final cards," as established by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, is deemed to be of doubtful import, and, as it is feared, a difference of practice will grow up among the Subordinate Lodges—some, perhaps, refusing to admit any one whose card has run for one year or more, except upon the payment of the full initiation fee, while others may be governed entirely by their own discretion: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to report some explanatory enactment on the subject, which shall secure uniformity throughout this jurisdiction.

Rep. Patterson, of Pa., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the signature of cards, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

HENRY S. PATTERSON,
R. W. REID,
JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby sanctions the course adopted by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in substituting an engraved *fac simile* for his proper signature upon cards furnished to State Grand Lodges and Encampments

Rep. Weld, of N. J., submitted the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Amend the By-Laws by striking out Article XXIV.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., submitted the following resolutions, which were read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1. *Resolved*, That to acquire or retain membership in an Encampment of Patriarchs, full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is indispensably necessary.

2. *Resolved*, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once his connexion with his Encampment; and that it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to prepare at once, and furnish to said Patriarch a withdrawal card, provided the Patriarch is in good standing.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension or expulsion of any such member.

4. *Resolved*, That where a withdrawal card has been granted to a Patriarch, under the circumstances specified in the second resolution, and the individual holding the card shall afterwards renew his membership in the subordinate branch of the Order, and apply to the Encampment whose card he holds, for re-admission, the said Encampment shall be privileged to dispense with the reference of the said application to a committee of investigation, and may proceed at once to ballot; but such ballot must be governed by the same rules as other ballots on applications for admission.

5. *Resolved*, That every member of an Encampment who is suspended or expelled by the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, shall forfeit membership in his Encampment, and that his name shall be stricken from the rolls of said Encampment immediately on the receipt of the information of his suspension or expulsion.

6. *Resolved*, That no application for admission into an Encampment shall be received, or in any way entertained, unless accompanied by certificate under the seal of some Subordinate Lodge, that the applicant is a member in good standing in such Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., offered the following resolution; which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That when a visiting brother shall have proven himself entitled to admission, in the mode pointed out in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 690 of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1844, he shall be introduced to the Lodge by the examining committee.

On motion of Rep. Day, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, now lying on the table, pages 898 and 899.

The first resolution, by general consent, was amended by striking out "December, 1846," and inserting "January, 1847."

The second resolution being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., the resolution was amended by striking out the words "first Monday of June and first Monday of December of each year," and substituting the words "The first meeting in July and the first meeting in January of each year."

Whereupon the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution; on motion indefinitely to postpone the same, it was passed in the negative:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report what alteration, amendment, or abridgment, (if any,) may be made in the work of Subordinate Encampments, which may be conducive to the general good of the Order.

Whereupon the resolution was adopted.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., submitted the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That hereafter all elections for officers in the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction shall be by ballot, in which each Past Grand or Patriarch who may be a member of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment be entitled to one vote.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Mo., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., the memorials of the several Lodges of Alabama in relation to the location of the Grand Lodge of that state, were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in relation to the manner in which the Old Work shall be returned, beg leave to submit the following resolutions, the adoption of which your committee believe will most efficiently carry out the object contemplated:

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
JOHN L. PAGE,
WALTER S. McNAIRY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments shall as soon as practicable, collect from the Subordinates copies of the Old Work, and deliver the same to the D. D. G. Sire of their district.

Resolved, That when the Old Work shall have been thus collected, it shall be by the D. D. G. Sire, in the presence of the Grand Master, totally destroyed, and the joint certificate of the D. D. G. Sire and Grand Master of the fact, shall be forwarded to the Grand C. and R. Secretary, who shall report the same to the next annual communication of this body.

On motion to adopt the report, Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers of Grand Lodges and Encampments be empowered to destroy the *old books* which may not have been returned to the Grand Secretary of the G. L. of the U. S., and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the G. L. of U. S.

Rep. Alsop, of Ill., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when by the action of the law passed regulating the terms of Subordinate Lodges, the last quarter of this year shall contain less than seven weeks, the officers then shall serve through the next term, and when the last quarter contains as many as seven weeks the Officers shall be considered as Past Officers.

Pending this question, on motion to adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the subject was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. MacRae, of N. C., proposed to amend the 20th Rule of Order as follows, which was agreed to:

To Rule 20 add: "And occupying his place at the seat designated for his State."

Rep. Bayley, of Md., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the communication from Washington Lodge, No. 1, Iowa, have had the same under consideration, and find nothing in it requiring the action of this Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

Rep. Smith, of Me., submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1847, the official terms of Subordinate Encampments shall be extended to one year.

On motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was passed in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Hoit, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That a brother of the Order who withdraws from a Lodge for the purpose of joining another Lodge, shall be entitled to all the benefits of, and shall be amenable to, the Lodge from which he has taken his Card of Clearance, until such time as he may be able to connect himself with a new Lodge: *Provided*, however, he shall not have more than one month to connect himself with a new Lodge.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the use of the forms of prayer, so laid down in the Patriarchal Work, be left discretionary with the Subordinate Encampments.

On motion. the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 23, 4 o'clock P. M

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present the M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., submitted the following order, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will entertain no new matter which may be brought before it after the morning session of to-morrow, unless by unanimous consent.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the past official Degrees of this order be, and are hereby, abolished.

On motion to adopt the resolution, Rep. Page, of N. J., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Ellison, of Mass.?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no State, District, Territorial, Grand or Subordinate Lodge has the power to order the printing of any part or parts of the charges, odes, or diplomas that of right belong exclusively to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved to amend, by striking out the word "Odes."

On motion of Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., the whole subject was referred to the Committee having the same subject in charge.

Rep. Judson, of Conn., submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved That the Grand Masters of Grand Lodges which hold no session previous to Jan. 1, 1847, shall cause a copy of the law of this Grand Lodge, ex-

tending the term of Subordinates to six months, to be transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges under their several jurisdictions, immediately upon the receipt of the same.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report, which refers to a Registry of the names and dates of the institution of every Lodge and Encampment, with the date of suspension, expulsion, and reinstatement, which he was required to prepare by a resolution passed at the session of the Grand Lodge, held in 1843, beg leave to report—

That the failure of most of the Grand Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, to furnish the Secretary with the necessary data, though repeatedly requested to do so, renders it impossible for him to perform the duty assigned him, and they therefore recommend that the resolution authorising such Registry be repealed.

I. P. GARVIN,
GEO. S. MORRIS,
EDW. S. HOUGH.

Upon motion to adopt the report of the Committee, Rep. Desausure, of S. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was then put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the Report of the Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hough, of D. of C., presented the memorial of various members of Covenant Lodge of the District of Columbia, praying redress in the matter therein referred to.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., remonstrated against the reception of this appeal, on the ground of its informality, in not being sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Rep. Weld, of N. J., to accept the memorial and refer it to a Select Committee,

Rep. Robinson, of Va., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge receive the memorial and refer the same to a Select Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The chair named Reps. Weld, of N. J., Stokes, of Pa. and Judson, of Conn., as the committee.

Rep. Bayley, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of

New Jersey, have had the same under consideration, and after a careful investigation of all the evidence submitted, they are unanimous in the opinion, that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, are right and proper and ought to be sustained. They, therefore, offer the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, on the appeal of John M. Shermeir from the decision of Newark Lodge, No. 8, be and they are hereby affirmed.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Petitions?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Smith, (on page 865,) have considered the subject and report—

That the action of the Grand Lodge, heretofore seems to have involved the subject in some doubt, and for the purpose of making the same clear and explicit, the Committee recommend the adoption of a resolution herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the vote of a Subordinate Lodge, granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not. But if the card be taken, the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in such withdrawal card

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., to lay the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

On motion to adopt the report and resolutions of the committee, Rep. Taylor, of Ia., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order," which was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Seymour, (on page 865,) and also the resolution submitted this morning by Rep. Hoit, have considered the same and report—

That in the opinion of the committee, the adoption of either of said resolutions, would involve a violation of all the laws which have heretofore governed the Order on this subject, and be a dangerous innovation upon the long established usages of the institution.

The committee believe it would be much safer to the general interests of the Lodges to leave the law as it now stands, relying upon the charity and well-known benevolence which now characterize the operations of the Lodges to meet the cases referred to as they arise, not doubting that a devotion to the great principles upon which Odd-Fellowship rests, will secure every protection and all assistance which can reasonably be demanded.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Marley, of Md., from the Committee on Constitutions, made a report, which was read.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved to amend the report, by striking out all that part of the same which recommends striking out the words "over its own subordinates," from the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

On motion of Rep. MacRae, of N. C., the whole subject was re-committed to the committee, with instructions to strike out all that part of it, which directs a change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall delegate the legislative authority vested in it by this Grand Lodge to any other body or bodies whatever.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, seconded by Rep. Parker, of N. H., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

In Article XII of the Constitution strike out \$20, and insert in lieu thereof \$10.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the mode adopted at the Session of 1844 for examining visiting brethren, as that the committee appointed for that purpose shall consist of three, be so far modified as to leave it optional with the several Lodges to appoint such number as they may deem expedient.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish each member and officer of this body, as soon after its adjournment as practicable, with a copy of the daily Journal.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Parker, of N. H., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table

That Article XIV of the Constitution be amended, by inserting after the words "who shall have received the R. P. Degree," or a Past Grand Patriarch, provided he be a Past Grand, and has received the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., to direct the Messenger to reserve a sufficient number of copies of the daily Journal to enable the Corresponding Secretary to transmit the same to the officers and members of the Grand Lodges, in pursuance of the resolution this day adopted, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening, which was resolved in the negative.

The chair announced the following committee, provided for by the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Mo., on page 868: Reps. Veitch, of Mo., Whitney, of Canada, and Watson, of Ky.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 24, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

The Grand Cor. Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Australia, New South Wales, I. O. O. F., which was read.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the rule was suspended in order to allow the reading of the papers, which being read,

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., the documents were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in obedience to instructions, report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the G. E. of Virginia be authorised to hold a special meeting at such place and time as it may see fit, to consider the subject of the place selected

as the future location thereof, reporting its decision thereon to this Grand Lodge for its ultimate action.

On motion, the report was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the report of the M. W. G. Sire which relates to his decision upon the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, in respect to the right of Bro. I. D. Williamson to be installed as Grand Master of that body, have considered the subject, and report:

That, in their opinion, the decision of the M. W. G. Sire is correct, and ought to be confirmed. They, therefore, report a resolution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the decision of the M. W. G. Sire, affirming the decision of the Grand Lodge of Alabama against the right of Bro. I. D. Williamson to be installed as Grand Master of that State for the term commencing July, 1845, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the written statement of the Grand Master of South Carolina, and thereon report:

That they do not recommend that the statement be printed. The only question involved seems to be whether or not a Grand Master of a State may, at his pleasure, attend and officiate at an installation of a Subordinate Lodge. Your committee deem it to be one of the duties as well as privileges of the Grand Master of a State, to install, or cause to be installed, the officers of Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee inquire into the propriety of Subordinate Lodges working in the fifth degree:

and thereon report:—That the committee are well aware that the question submitted to them involves considerations more important

than that of proficiency in knowledge of the Order, on the part of those who conduct its business. The usage heretofore prevailing has allowed to initiate an equal voice in the affairs of the subordinate branch of the Order, with those who have attained to the highest degree. The only distinction has been, that reception of degrees is a qualification for office, and allows claim to higher benefits. It is feared that the consequences of this usage have been to diminish the anxiety of members to advance in the degrees of the Order, and of course to hinder the increase of the funds from which our relief expenditure is drawn. The inducements of office, and enlargement of benefits, do not appear to be sufficient to attract the great body of members of the Order to its highest grades. The committee are disposed to urge the adoption of the change, which the resolution submitted to them contemplates, and report a resolution which will establish the change, giving it a prospective operation, in order to afford to Subordinate Lodges an opportunity to make suitable provision.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That from and after the first Monday of July, 1847, all Subordinate Lodges shall transact all business in the fifth degree.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the subject of the Subordinate Lodges working in the fifth degree, the undersigned, with great reluctance, feels himself called upon to differ with his colleagues upon this subject, believing, as I do, and finding myself sustained by the fact that the history of the Order furnishes no evidence of serious injury resulting from this association, which has existed since the establishment of the Order in this country, and has yet to learn that the newly initiated member in the Old World was ever debarred from participating in the meetings of his Lodge without being compelled to take all of his degrees as provided by my colleagues. This, then, is to be a new era in our history, and we are called upon to-day to say to about seventy-five thousand good and worthy members of the Order, who have been enjoying the fellowship of our social fraternity in many cases for years, that unless you come forward and take all of your degrees you shall not assemble in your Lodge room and enjoy the company of those that have been endeared to them by that association, and inculcated by the sublime lectures and charges of our time-honored Order. Believing, therefore, that the change proposed would operate disastrously to the progress and prosperity of our wide-spread fraternity, I have presented to you a few of the vast number of reasons why the proposition of my colleagues should not be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Ropes, of Md., to adopt the minority report, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley (2 votes,) Day, Desaussure, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Glenn, Greenwood, Hough, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Marshall, Miller, Morris, Neally, Page, Patterson, Robinson, Ropes, Salomon, Searfoss, Stokes (2 votes,) Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Wells, White, Wood, P. G. S's Kennedy, Hopkins—40.

NAYS.—Reps. Cooke, Drew, Dunkin, Garvin, Gilley, Griffin, Hoit, Judson, Parker, Parmenter, Seymour, Stewart, Thompson, Weld, Whitney, P. G. S. Wildey—16.

Rep. Stokes, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred, from the Grand Sire's report and the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the subject of a Digest of the Laws of the Order, report that they fully concur in the utility of the subject referred to them, and the great importance to the Order at large, that the laws passed by this Grand Lodge, with the decision and instruction upon all matters relative to the usages and customs of the Order which have heretofore been made and given by the different Grand Sires, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, should be collected and printed for the use of the various Lodges and Encampments, and offer the following:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be, and he is hereby, authorised to appoint a committee of three from amongst the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to prepare a complete digest, as recited above, and submit them to this Grand Lodge at its next annual session.

Resolved, That a sufficient sum be appropriated to defray the expenses of said committee while in the discharge of that duty, and that they be requested to present a bill for their services, with their work, at the next annual session.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolutions presented by the committee, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the G. C. S. be instructed to revise and analyse the laws and decisions of this body at present in force, and to report to this G. L. at its next session, the result of such revision in the form of a complete Digest of Laws for the Government of the Order, with a suitable Index; and that the Finance Committee be instructed to report to this G. L., with all convenient speed, the amount of appropriation requisite to enable him to perform this duty.

Whereupon the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee were adopted.

Upon motion of P. G. Sire Hopkins, of Pa., the rule was suspended, to enable the committee appointed to prepare and present to P. G. M. James L. Ridgely a suitable gold medal, by virtue of a resolution passed September session, 1844, to report.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, of Pa., from the said committee, made the following report:

BALTIMORE, Sept. 24th, 1846.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of 1844, "with instructions to have prepared, at the most convenient season, a suitable gold medal for presentation to P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, as a feeble tribute of the Order's affectionate regard for him," respectfully report:

That, in the performance of their duty, they have caused to be prepared, for presentation to their respected brother, a gold medal in the form of a splendid Hunting Watch and Chain, which they now deliver to the Grand Sire and members of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of being presented to P. G. M. Ridgely according to the resolution under which they were appointed.

The committee, in the performance, may be considered by some as having unnecessarily delayed the completion of their labors; but although two years have expired since their appointment, yet believing that the eminent services of the meritorious officer to whom the Grand Lodge intended to pay honor, required from the committee, in the performance of their duty, more than ordinary care, and the preparation of a medal which would at the same time manifest the high value this Grand Lodge place on the services of P. G. M. Ridgely, would be to that officer an useful as well as ornamental mark of the approbation in which he is held by the Order. Yet the committee desire they would be excused for not having performed their duty before.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN A. KENNEDY.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., to adopt the report, it was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

On motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, of N. Y., it was resolved that the presentation of the medal be made the special order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and that the chairman of the committee make the presentation.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary record the vote just taken upon the report of the committee, as *unanimous*.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., located at Jackson, Mississippi, asking a remission of all dues from their Encampment, on the ground of lack of promptness on the part of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge in forwarding Installation Books and Charter,

ask leave to report: That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that the allegations set forth in the petition are not sustained. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
HENRY L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That Choctaw Encampment; No. 3, I. O. O. F., Jackson, Mississippi, have leave to withdraw their petition.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred sundry matters contained in the Report of the Grand Secretary, ask leave to report:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find that, so far as relates to the bond of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as agent for the sale of Diplomas, no action is necessary on the part of this Grand Lodge.

That so far as relates to the dues and receipts of this Grand Lodge, no action is necessary at the present session.

That so far as relates to the defalcation of the late D. D. G. Sire, of Maine, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
HENRY L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to adopt such measures to secure the payment of the claim of this Grand Lodge against the late D. D. G. Sire of Maine, as he may deem expedient.

Rep. Taylor, of Ia., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions accompanying the same?" Upon counting the vote, there being a tie vote, the chair decided the motion passed in the affirmative, and the report adopted.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG
H. L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to adopt such measures as he may deem necessary to secure the payment of a draft signed by S. C. Sewell, drawn on Cashier of the Bank of Montreal, in favor of James L. Ridgely, Grand Secretary, or order, for one hundred thirty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents, which draft has been protested.

Resolved, That hereafter no expense be incurred for publishing circulars in periodicals devoted to Odd-Fellowship, unless specially directed by this Grand Lodge.

Upon motion, the report and resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's Report which relates to the investment of the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report: that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
HENRY L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That M. W. Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock, R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be, and they are hereby, authorised and directed to invest the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge in United States Stocks, or Stocks of the States of Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts, or New York, at their discretion: *Provided, however*, that no investment shall be made or continued without the consent of each of the above named officers of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. MacRae, of N. C., to strike out all that part of the report which designates the names of States, in the stocks of which the investment is recommended, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the previous question, which was sustained by a majority of the Lodge. The previous question was then put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Drew, Egan, Fosdick, Gilley, Glenn, Greenwood, Hoit, Hough, Marshall, Miller, Page, Robinson, Searfoss, Thomas, Weld, Wells, Day, White, Whitney, Wood—24.

NAYS.—Reps. Cooke, Desaussure, Ellison, Garvin, Kneass, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Parmenter, Patterson, Reid, Ropes, Salomon, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Taylor, of Ia., Taylor, of S. C., Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) P. G. S's Kennedy, Hopkins—30.

So the report was rejected.

Reps. Dunkin, Griffin, Judson, Parker and P. G. S. Wildey, on leave, were excused from voting on the above proposition.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made

the following report, which was read and ordered, on motion of Rep. Garvin, of Ga., to lie on the table

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and the returns of the following Grand Encampments they find correct, to wit: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York.

New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maine, Connecticut, Ohio, Maryland, South Carolina, and Kentucky, no relief report.

Virginia is deficient in number composing Grand Encampment, and in time of meeting of Subordinates.

Ohio—return made from September to September, instead of time prescribed by law.

South Carolina does not state the counties Subordinates are held in, as prescribed by the law

Kentucky begins and ends her year in April, and the report is dated June 8th, 1846.

Canada—no report.

GRAND LODGES.—Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, and Louisiana—correct.

Indiana—incorrect in not stating details of relief.

Mississippi does not state the number of members of Grand Lodge.

New Jersey reports 3,438 members of Grand Lodge, that being the whole number of contributing members in the state.

Rhode Island commences the fiscal year July 5th.

Ohio—incorrect in not following the form prescribed by law.

Tennessee reports from the 18th of June, 1845, to 18th of June, 1846.

N. Hampshire—no signature of Grand Secretary, and seal omitted.

Kentucky reports from 8th of May, 1845, to 8th of May, 1846.

Virginia reports from 1st of April, 1845, to 1st of April, 1846.

Texas reports from 1st of April, 1845, to 1st of April, 1846.

Canada—no report.

North Carolina commences term 1st of April.

South Carolina in form, with the exception that the names of those suspended for non-payment of dues are unnecessarily given.

Connecticut reports 3,321 members of Grand Lodge, thus making every member of the Order, in this state, a Past Grand and a member of the Lodge.

Illinois commences the year on the 24th of August.

Wales—no report.

Maryland—relief report begins and ends the 15th of January.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—Wisconsin—four quarterly reports of Milwaukee Lodge, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, all correct in every particular, except the report for the quarter commencing on the 1st day of Oct., 1845, and ending 31st Dec., 1845, which is destitute of the signature of the Secretary, and the seal of the Lodge. Four reports

from Miners' Lodge, No. 4, in this territory, are before your committee, one of which is correct in every particular, to wit: the report commencing April 1, 1846, and ending June 30, 1846. The report of said Lodge commencing July 1, 1846, and ending Sept. 30, 1846, is destitute of the names of those initiated, and the report for the quarter commencing Jan. 1, 1846, and ending March 31, 1846, names of those initiated, and of those who have deposited their Cards, omitted. The above Lodge has failed to provide a column for its Past Grands, and has omitted the name of the V. G., which is not attached to either of the reports (except the first one.) Three reports from Rose of the Valley Lodge, No. 3, one commencing Jan. 3, 1846, and ending March 29, 1846, which is informal in having omitted the names of the P. G's, and that it has not the signature of the V. G. to the report. The reports for the other three quarters are incorrect in having omitted the names and number of the P. G's. Report from Kneeland Lodge, No. 5, commencing Jan. 1, 1846, and ending March 31, is informal in omitting the names of the P. G's, and has not the signature of either the N. G. or V. G. There are before your committee two reports from Southport Lodge, No. 6, of this territory, which are correct in every particular, and it gives your committee great pleasure to observe the neatness with which said Lodge has arranged its reports. There are two quarterly reports from Racine Lodge, No. 7, for quarters commencing on the 30th Jan. and 2d of April, which are destitute of the number of P. G's and the time of meeting, and one semi-annual report, commencing Jan. 30, 1846, and ending July 1, 1846, which is correct in every particular, and great care has been taken in the arrangement of the same

Iowa—there are four quarterly reports from Harmony Lodge, No. 2, in this state, in all of which the time of meeting is omitted. Two reports from Keosanqua Lodge, No. 3, in which there is omitted the time of meeting. Three reports from Washington Lodge, No. 1, in this state, for the quarters ending Oct. 1st, 1845, Jan. 1st, 1846, and April 1st, 1846; time of meeting omitted in all of these reports. One report from Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, commencing March 23d, 1846, and ending July 6, 1846, correct in all things. One report from Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, commencing March 10, 1846, and ending June 30, 1846, time of meeting omitted. One report from Lilly of the Mount Lodge, No. 6, commencing April 16, 1846, and ending June 26, 1846; the name of the state and county, and seal of Lodge, and time of meeting omitted.

Florida—Two reports from this state, are from Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, and from Florida Lodge, No. 1, both correct in every particular.

Vermont—Four reports from Vermont Lodge, No. 2, and one from Windsor Lodge, No. 3, both having omitted the time of meeting; six reports from Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, all correct with the exception of the omission of the time of meeting

Arkansas—There are reports from "Far West" Lodge, No. 1, for the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d quarters, and one report for three quarters inclusive, which are different in the time of meetings only.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.—Campbell Encampment, in North Carolina, two reports; St. Louis Encampment, in Canada, No. 4; Wildey Encampment, No. 2, in Indiana; Bethlehem Encampment, No. 3, in Indiana; Wildey Encampment, No. 2, and Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, in Mississippi; Wildey Encampment, No. 1, and Hobah Encampment, No. 3, in Louisiana; report from Mashassuck Encampment, No. 2, and two from Narraganset, No. 1, in Rhode Island; Illinois Encampment, No. 3, in Illinois; two semi-annual reports from Augusta Encampment, Georgia; Churchill Encampment, in Maine; two reports from Delaware Encampment, in Delaware; two reports from Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 1, in Alabama; one report from Border Encampment, No. 8, of Eastport, in Maine, and one report from Rutlan Encampment, in Maine; three reports from Marshall Encampment, No. 2, of Michigan; one report from Paw-wah-ting Encampment, of Niles, Michigan, and two reports from Michigan Encampment, of Detroit, Michigan; two reports from Black Warrior Encampment, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; one report from Hobah Encampment, No. 5, of Saco, Maine, and one from Machigonne Encampment, No. 1, of Portland, Maine; two reports from Bain Encampment, in Murfreesboro', North Carolina; one report from Magnolia Encampment, in Savannah, Georgia; one report from St. Paul Encampment, of Montgomery, Alabama; one report from Illinois Encampment, at Chicago, Illinois; one report from Sagamon Encampment, No. 3, at Augusta, Maine; and one report from Eastern Star Encampment, in the State of Maine, held at Portland; one report from Stewart Encampment, No. 3, of Hannibal, Missouri; one report from Wildey Encampment, at St. Louis, Missouri; one report from Frontier Encampment, of Weston, Missouri; one report from Ridgely Encampment, of Nashville, Tennessee; one report from Pisgah Encampment, of District of Columbia; one report from Columbian Encampment, of District of Columbia; one report from Marley Encampment, of District of Columbia, and one report from Magenenu Encampment, No. 4, of District of Columbia, are all correct in every particular; one report from Louisiana Encampment, held at New Orleans, the seal of the Encampment omitted; report of Sagadahock Encampment, No. 6, has not the name of the town or state in which it is located; two reports from Hochelaga Encampment, No. 1, of the Province of Canada, are informal in not having the name of the High Priest attached; one report from Royal Mount Encampment, No. 3, of the Province of Canada, is correct; the reports from Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, Quochecho Encampment, No. 4, Nashoonow Encampment, No. 1, all of the State of New Hampshire, are correct; the reports from Wonolanset Encampment, No. 2, and Penacoke, No. 3, of the State of New Hampshire, are incorrect

Your committee find that nearly two-thirds of the reports are incorrect, and a large portion of them are not returned to the Grand Secretary in the time prescribed by law. The committee find the law already is explicit upon this subject; and attribute the incorrect returns partly to the carelessness of Grand Officers, and partly to the want of stringent laws by the different Grand Lodges and Encamp-

ments in compelling their subordinates to make their returns. And in order that the different Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may know who, if any one, is in fault for such incorrect returns, they would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. PARKER,
BEN. B. TAYLOR,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed, as soon as may be after the close of this Grand Lodge, to write to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction whose returns are here reported incorrect, and to state in said letter the substance of said incorrectness.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read, and with the accompanying resolution, concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The former report of the Committee on Finance on the subject of the investment of the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge having been rejected because of its designation of particular stocks from which a selection was to be made, the committee consider themselves informally instructed by the said action of this body to report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
H. L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Sire Thos. Sherlock, R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be, and they are hereby, authorised and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge the surplus funds thereof, in such manner as they may deem safe and expedient, and that such investment be made as soon as practicable after the present session: *Provided, however*, that no such investment shall be made without the unanimous consent of the above-named officers.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to offer a resolution, which was agreed to, two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, at the Annual Session of this Body, September, 1845, a resolution was adopted in the following words, viz:

“Resolved, That in case any Lodge or Encampment shall have on hand at the time specified in the above resolution, (January 1st, 1846,) cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary, on their delivery at his office, be directed to furnish proper cards in their place.”

And whereas at the time the said resolution was adopted a number of the State Grand Lodges required that all cards issued should be countersigned by their Grand Secretary: And whereas the Grand Secretary of this body does not feel authorised to receive said cards without an express order: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to receive

all cards that may have been countersigned by the Grand Secretaries of any State Grand Lodge previous to January, 1846.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Amos H. Searfoss, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Art. VIII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and that Art. IX be numbered VIII, and so on successively.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., offered the following, which was read:

WHEREAS the charter issued to Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of the State of New York, by the "Loyal Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge, I. O. of O. F., No. 2, of the Liverpool District, England," bearing date November 14, 1822, was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland and of the United States, June 4th, 1823, and a new one received from said body in lieu thereof: And whereas said Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of the State of New York, is desirous to hold and preserve a copy of said charter, and have it framed with the one they now hold from this body: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorised, to prepare a copy of the said charter alluded to in the foregoing preamble, and forward the same to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, to be presented by them to the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of said State of New York, and that the same shall be duly authenticated by the Grand Officers.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, objected to the reception of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, and the resolution of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., as out of order, the rule having been suspended specifically to allow Rep. Egan, of N. Y., to offer one resolution. The chair sustained the objection, and ruled the proposed amendment to the Constitution and resolution of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., out of order.

Rep. Marley, of Md., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the following constitutions of Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges, viz: Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Georgia, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Massachusetts and Missouri; Grand Encampments of the states of Maine and Maryland,—Subordinate Lodges—Kneeland Lodge, No. 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Southport Lodge, No. 6, Southport, Wisconsin, beg leave to report—

That upon due examination, they find them all in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and respectfully submit the following resolution:

RICH'D MARLEY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Resolved, That the Constitutions above named be confirmed.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the Committee on Appeals made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of George W. Hopkins. from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge

of South Carolina, confirming the expulsion of said Hopkins from DeKalb Lodge, No. 6, have considered the subject, and report:

That, although the sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina was granted to the appeal of Hopkins, the committee are of opinion that it cannot be entertained by this body, for the reason that this body does not recognise the right or privilege of individuals to appeal to it.

The committee have examined all the papers in the case submitted to them, and are not able to discover any evidence that the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was not right in the premises.

The committee report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

Resolved, That George W. Hopkins have leave to withdraw his appeal.

Rep. Cooke, of Va., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee on Appeals to whom was referred a communication from sundry officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, complaining of illegal and unconstitutional action on the part of the said Grand Lodge and asking the intervention of your Right Worthy Body, beg leave to report: that having had the subject under consideration, they find the following *Facts*:

At a communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, held in December, 1845, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge came up, in due form, for final action, and by a vote of the *members present*, ayes 15, nays 5, declared adopted.

Complaint being made by a member that he had voted misunderstandingly, a reconsideration was had, and, the question recurring upon the amendment, a vote by *Representations* was called for, under Sec. 1, of the 16th Article of the Constitution, in words and figures following, to wit: "Votes shall be by Lodges, or by yeas and nays, and all questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, unless when the Representatives of two Subordinate Lodges require the vote to be taken by Representation, in which case it shall be determined by a majority of Representations of Lodges present. Provided, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by Representations."

The call for such a vote was objected to on the ground that all amendments to the Constitution were properly determinable *only* under the provision of the 18th Article of the Constitution, in the words and figures following, to wit: "This Constitution shall not be altered, amended or annulled, unless proposed at a regular commu-

nication and laid over to the next regular communication and adopted by a majority of two-thirds of the *members* present."

This objection was sustained by the chair, whose decision was overruled by the Grand Lodge upon appeal had, and the vote upon the amendment, taken by *Representations*, stood ayes 4, nays 3.

The chair decided the amendment lost "in consequence of there not being a majority of two-thirds of the Lodges voting in the affirmative."

This decision was appealed from, on the ground "that although it required a majority of two-thirds to effect an alteration of the Constitution when each individual member of the Grand Lodge voted, that a bare majority was sufficient when the vote was taken by Lodges."

This appeal was sustained, and the proposed amendment declared to have been adopted.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of S. C., held March 4, 1846, on the reading of the minutes, the following resolutions were presented and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the minutes be confirmed as a correct history of the events which transpired at the last communication.

2. *Resolved, however*, That this Grand Lodge does not, in confirming the minutes, in any way commit itself for the correctness of the vote by which the acting Grand Master's decision (declaring that a majority of two-thirds on a vote by representation was necessary to change the Constitution) was reversed.

3. *Resolved*, That the decision of the acting Grand Master, at the last Quarterly Communication, in reference to the number of votes necessary to effect a change in the Constitution was strictly right, and that therefore the reversal of his decision was not according to the principles of the Constitution, and, consequently, null and void

These resolutions were adopted by a vote of Lodges, and the action of the previous Grand Lodge amending the Constitution "thus summarily set aside."

Upon these *facts*, the committee express the *opinions* contained in the following resolutions, of which they recommend the adoption:

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

1. *Resolved*, That by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, Article XVIII, no amendment thereto can be properly adopted otherwise than "by a majority of two-thirds of the members present."

2. *Resolved*, That the 1st section of Article XVI of said Constitution, providing that votes may be taken by *Representations*, and shall be determined by the majority of *Representations* of Lodges present—must be considered as applying only to matters of ordinary legislation, and not as embracing votes on amendments to the Constitution.

3. *Resolved*, That while the said amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was adopted in violation of the provisions thereof, yet that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina at its subsequent session in setting aside, by a simple resolution, the solemn action of a previous session on a constitutional amendment, was irregular, informal and unwarranted by law.

4. *Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge, in the exercise of its authority as the supreme ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the state, district, and territorial Grand Lodges are to be referred for its final and con

clusive decision, does hereby declare that the whole action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in the premises be and is hereby set aside and declared null and void.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary do transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, a duly certified copy of these proceedings.

On motion of Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., that the report be laid on the table, and be made the special order of the day for 12 o'clock to-morrow morning, the Lodge was equally divided, whereupon the chair, (D. G. Sire Case presiding,) decided the motion to be carried.

Rep. Egan, N. Y., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred various letters, documents, &c., beg leave to report:

That the matter contained in the same has been distributed to appropriate committees for consideration, and in part decided upon. They ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID D. EGAN,

E. B. WHITE,

WALTER S. McNAIRY.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report and accompanying resolutions:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, to be erected into a distinct Sovereignty, with powers independent of this Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report:

That after a full consideration of the subject, with which they were charged, they are of opinion that it would conduce to the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in foreign countries, to relieve Grand Lodges therein located, of that dependence which Grand Lodges within the territorial limits of these United States must of necessity ever feel.

Marked as every nation is by its own peculiar form of government and system of laws and customs, whose influences branching through the entire body of the people living under them, are of course believed to be promotive of, if not necessary to the general interests and indispensable to the pursuit of happiness, it is but reasonable to suppose that a Grand Lodge located in a foreign country would, in matters of local regulation and in the various details of well recognized and established ceremonies, encounter embarrassments calculated to retard its operations, weaken its energies, and ultimately to bring about decay. Differing as nations do, as well in their policy as their institutions, it might be that a distrustfulness of an association like ours would be enkindled within some of them, unless to each there were confided an independent controlling power within

its limits—and although the blessings of our Order are even now to a considerable extent felt beyond the borders of the United States and upon foreign soil, there are already erected many beautiful temples dedicated to the principles of our brotherhood. Yet this success was not easily acquired, and may be ascribed to the indomitable spirit, the unbending determination and unfaltering industry of the meritorious brethren who were charged with the pleasing duty of extending our principles, and who toiled on to the bright—the cheering hope—the earnest expectation that the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose object is the wide and effective diffusion of the blessings of our Order, would not forget that object in the contemplation of her present strength and authority: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada are hereby united and erected into a distinct sovereignty, by the name and title of “The Grand Lodge of British North America,” and with power, in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within British North America, independent of this Grand Lodge, except in the following respects:

1. That the said “The Grand Lodge of British North America” shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

2. That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said “The Grand Lodge of British North America,” the annual travelling password to be used within the jurisdiction of the said “The Grand Lodge of British North America,” and both jurisdictions shall use the same travelling password.

3. The qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said “The Grand Lodge of British North America,” shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a charter, in conformity herewith, be prepared and duly authenticated, and its delivery confided to the M. W. G. S. and G. C. Secretary.

H. R. KNEASS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
CHS. THOMAS,
N. A. THOMPSON.

On motion to adopt the report and concur in the resolutions accompanying the report, Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put in the following form: “Shall the main question be now put?” which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: “Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?” it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Desaussure, Drew, Dunkin, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Garvin, Greenwood, Griffin, Hoit, Judson, Kellogg, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Marshall, Miller, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parker, Parmenter, Reid, Robinson, Ropes, Salomon, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart (2 votes,) Thompson, Veitch, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Wells, White, Whitney, Wood, P. G. S’s Wildey, Kennedy—47.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Day, Glenn, Kneass, Patterson (2 votes,) Stokes, Thomas, P. G. S. Hopkins—9.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. Y., the rule was suspended to allow him to ask leave of absence for the remainder of the day for Rep. Hoit, of N. H.

Rep. Parker, of N. Y., asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Hoit, of N. H., during the day.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which was adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry into the propriety of the establishment by the Order of an Institution of Learning, ask leave to report:

The committee have carefully considered the subject given to them in charge, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is both proper and expedient for this Grand Lodge to take some incipient measures for the accomplishment of the design shadowed forth in the resolution under which the committee were appointed. They are persuaded that it is the peculiar province of this body, vested as it is with powers so extensive over the Order, to bring the subject fairly before the brotherhood at large, and to take the first steps towards the attainment of the object. The committee believe that the Order in its progress has reached a point where its energies and means exceed the work which it has in hand. Organized originally for the alleviation of the severer forms of distress, our charities have gradually so extended as to overshadow all forms of misery in our midst. The vast and complicated machinery by which, from one end to the other of this country, and even beyond its limits, the officers of our Institution minister daily from our treasuries to the wants of our unfortunate brothers, is working not only to our own satisfaction, but to the admiration of those who are strangers to our mysteries. We cannot hope to add many improvements to its present arrangement, and where a system has been found to succeed so well, it would be imprudent to attempt to make material changes. But we may turn our attention to other and kindred objects, and having occupied one portion of the great field of beneficence, we may commence to make efforts for the acquisition of the rest.

Charity, in the sense in which we use the term, includes more duties than the simple relief of pecuniary distress. To be charitable according to our acceptation of the word, is to do all the good we possibly can for our fellow men, but more particularly for the members of our Order. We have already done much good, and this we may be permitted to say without the accusation of vain boasting. But there is yet much more for us to do. We already watch by the sick bed, bring comfort to the habitations of want, commit the dead decently to the earth, cherish desolate families and educate the

orphans of those who have been among us. But we do not yet afford to our living members, whose means are limited, the opportunity of enlightening the minds of their children and fitting them for a career of usefulness. It is true that there are sections of our country highly favored by Providence, where even the poorest man is enabled to secure for his offspring the priceless blessing of education, yet even in such regions it is not possible for all such beneficiaries to lay hold on places where they may gain the highest kind of knowledge. With us, where no distinctions of rank are permitted, and where the most humble may in time become the most elevated, it is especially important that the mind of each child should be submitted to the process by which its powers can be developed. Many fathers are daily enduring the miserable doom of beholding the intellects of their sons, in whom they live again, crushed beneath the weight of adverse circumstances. There are many such fathers among ourselves, for we have gathered our host from all classes and conditions of men. Can we permit ourselves to doubt that it is our duty to extend to this peculiar and aggravated form of distress its appropriate relief.

The committee have heard many objections against the interference of this body in the business, but all the objections resolve themselves into questions of expediency. The constitutional power of this Grand Lodge to co-operate in, and superintend a work like this cannot be disputed. There can be no conscientious scruples on the mind of any member in regard to this power. We are not only at liberty to engage in any such undertaking, but an enterprise like this, involving consequences which cannot be estimated, is co-ordinate with the dignity of our body. Here, from the same centre whence are distributed the laws of the fraternity, let the rays of intellectual light emanate, and while in distant sections the brother without name or fortune, will, in all time to come, look up to you as his supreme rulers, let him also gratefully regard you as the chief of his benefactors. The design has been considered by some impracticable on account of its vastness; but the committee, after deliberate reflection, are convinced to the contrary. Such is the organization, such the numerical strength, and such are the pecuniary means of our fraternity, that no enterprise, within our prescribed bounds, can be too vast for us. All great achievements have followed upon predictions of failure. All great improvements have been preceded by cries of impracticability. And the committee believe that whenever this body, and the authorities which are constituted under it, shall enter upon the work, and set their shoulders to the wheel in earnest, all obstacles, doubts, fears, and misgivings will vanish, and another example will be afforded to the world of the wonderful capacity of our institution for good.

The committee have not undertaken to consider the merits of any particular scheme. Indeed, they were persuaded that the plan which has been proposed by an eminent member of the Order, was principally intended to attract the attention of the Order to the sub-

ject, and perhaps was not designed as the expression of his fully matured opinions; and, while they do not hesitate to recommend the respectful consideration of that plan, they are desirous that for the present, at least, the whole subject should be left open. Their approval, they are aware, can add but little to the exalted fame accorded by the fraternity at large to the brother just alluded to, but the committee would have done violence to their feelings if they had left the subject without paying a passing tribute to one whose services to the Order cannot be appreciated beyond their value.

The committee conclude by recommending to the Grand Lodge that a resolution be passed, inviting the attention of State Grand Lodges to the subject and requesting an expression of their views before the next Annual Communication, at which time the committee believe the whole subject can be considered to advantage and disposed of to the satisfaction of all interested. Resolutions to that effect are appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WM. W. MOORE.

Resolved, That the several State Grand Lodges are hereby earnestly requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order, of a General System of Education, and to devise and forward to this Grand Lodge plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the above report and resolution to the several State Grand Lodges.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., that the Grand Lodge suspend the rule during the residue of the morning, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Weld, of N. J., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of P. G. Joseph Libby, and seventy-seven others, formerly members of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report, that after having given the subject that consideration its importance so justly demanded, both by a hearing of the parties interested and a strict examination into the causes of the collision from its infancy to the date of the suspension, present the following: That the offence complained of was not of sufficient magnitude to warrant the severity of the punishment inflicted,—and the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises was hasty, impetuous, and not in conformity with the provisions of its own constitution.

In relation to the offences committed by Covenant Lodge, your Committee can find nothing that has not been amicably settled by a strict obedience to the mandates of the said Grand Lodge, on the

part of Covenant Lodge, yet your committee are constrained to believe that unkind feeling was in existence, equally reprehensible in the G. Lodge and her Subordinate.

The immediate cause of the collision may be found in the following preamble and resolutions passed by Covenant Lodge shortly after the celebration therein alluded to—and although evincing in themselves an improper spirit, yet your committee think of too trifling a nature to merit a punishment so severe:

WHEREAS, the Committee of Arrangements, appointed by the Grand Lodge, published a programme, in which they informed the citizens of Georgetown that the Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the Subordinate Lodges, would pass in full regalia through the principal streets of our town on the 25th of May—Therefore,

Resolved, That Covenant Lodge unanimously return a vote of thanks to the Grand Lodge for the appropriate and dignified manner in which they complied with their published proceedings, to the satisfaction and pleasure not only of the citizens of our town, but also of the members of this Lodge.

Resolved, That this Lodge, in view of its own dignity, cannot consent hereafter to unite with the Lodges of Washington City in any procession which may be desired, unless it receive an official communication from the Grand Lodge that all arrangements entered into will be entirely and honorably consummated.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge be, and the same are hereby, tendered to the Committee of Arrangements, on the part of the Grand Lodge, for the very honorable service to which they applied the benches loaned her by the Noble Grand of this Lodge, and that they be informed that the same are especially preserved for their accommodation when they shall condescend to honor us with a visit.

These resolutions were sent to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and were by that body referred to a committee, who at a subsequent meeting, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolutions from Covenant Lodge, No. 13, passed the 1st of June last, be returned to that Lodge, and that they be required to receive them, and withdraw all offensive imputations conveyed therein, at their first meeting after this date, and that a certified copy of compliance with the above requirements be transmitted immediately to the Grand Master.

Resolved, (two-thirds of this Grand Lodge concurring,) That in the event of a failure by Covenant Lodge, No. 13, to comply fully and unequivocally with the above resolution at said meeting, said Lodge be, and she is hereby, suspended indefinitely, and that the Grand Master be directed to demand, and receive from her officers, the charter, books, papers, and other property, which of right appertain to this body by the rules and regulations of the Order.

Resolved, That Covenant Lodge, No. 13, be, and she is hereby, prohibited from the transaction of any business of any kind or nature whatever, after the reception of these resolutions by the Noble Grand, except these resolutions, and the resolutions to which they refer, and the officers of that Lodge are specially prohibited from issuing any card of clearance, or travelling certificate, to any person whatever after this date: *Provided*, They shall not comply with the first resolution in the opinion of the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the G. S. transmit forthwith to the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, a copy of these resolutions, properly attested.

Resolved, That in the event of the operation of these resolutions, the G. S. and the D. G. M. shall issue to Grand Master Levin Jones, a card of clearance from Covenant Lodge, No. 13, as a suspended Lodge, in order that he may have an opportunity to connect himself with some Lodge immediately.

These resolutions, it appears, were regularly transmitted to Covenant Lodge, when, in compliance with the requisition of the Grand Lodge, before proceeding to their regular business, the following re-

solutions were adopted, receiving the approbation of the Grand Master (who was present) and to whose opinion the Grand Lodge had referred the whole matter:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the District of Columbia passed on the 3d instant resolutions which were forwarded by G. S. T. C. Donn, with the resolutions passed by Covenant Lodge on the 1st of June, 1846, said resolutions of Covenant Lodge having been considered and pronounced by the Grand Lodge, in their resolutions aforesaid, as disrespectful to said Grand Lodge—Therefore,

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge on the 3d instant be, and the same are hereby, received by Covenant Lodge, and that the requirements of said resolutions be so far complied with as that Covenant Lodge does hereby declare that, whilst it was the intention of Covenant Lodge to exercise the bare right of freemen, by expressing a feeling of disapprobation to the course pursued by the Committee of the Grand Lodge on the occasion alluded to in the resolutions of June 1, 1846, it was not the intention of Covenant Lodge to express its disapprobation in terms of disrespect to the Grand Lodge, or to any of its members; and if the terms have been so construed by the Grand Lodge they have been misunderstood.

Resolved, further, That a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted immediately to the Grand Master.

Thus far it appears Covenant Lodge had complied strictly with the mandates of the Grand Lodge, when, in the spirit already alluded to, (we fear) it was ordered by Covenant Lodge to return to the Grand Lodge the offensive resolutions, the Grand Master protesting against the movement, although the resolutions of apology accompanied them. A few days afterwards, on the 12th of August, at a special session of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, convened by the Grand Master, Covenant Lodge, No. 13, of said District, was indefinitely suspended from communion with the Order without a hearing, and, as your committee believe, in violation of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Your committee, therefore, without attempting to shield for a moment a Subordinate Lodge in the least insubordination whatever against its Grand Lodge, also submit, that they, with individuals, have certain and positive rights which your committee believe have not, in this case, been complied with or granted. The committee, therefore, submit the following resolutions:

EDW. D. WELD,
J. W. STOKES,
P. M. JUDSON.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in the case of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, was informal, and in violation of its own Constitution: therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be and is hereby required to reinstate forthwith Covenant Lodge, No. 13, into fellowship with the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring upon the report and resolutions of the committee, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was passed in the negative

Rep. Miller, of Conn., moved to reconsider the vote of the Grand Lodge, adopting the report of the committee in relation to the memorial of Covenant Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved to lay the motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the motion to reconsider—pending the question, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 24, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, being the presentation to P. G. M. Ridgely of a Gold Medal, pursuant to a resolution of Sept. session, 1844.

P. G. Sires Wildey, Kennedy and Hopkins, the committee appointed under the resolution directing the presentation, having advanced to the chair of the Grand Sire

The M. W. G. Sire directed P. G. Representative John G. Treadwell, of N. Y., R. W. G. Marshal, to present Grand Corresponding Secretary James L. Ridgely to the committee.

The Grand Marshal having presented the Grand Corresponding Secretary to the committee, P. G. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the committee, presented a beautiful Gold Watch and Chain to P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, as the form of token which they had devised suited to the occasion—accompanied with an eloquent address.

Grand Cor. Secretary James L. Ridgely made a brief response to the address, whereupon, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., it was *ordered unanimously* that the address and reply be spread upon the Journal.

ADDRESS OF P. G. S. HOPKINS.

Past Grand Master Ridgely:

The Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. of O. F., at its session held in 1844, directed that, as an evidence of the high esteem they entertained for the eminent services you have rendered the Order, whilst acting as its Grand Corresponding Secretary, and as the Editor of the Official Magazine, published under her direction, there should be prepared, to be presented to you, a gold medal. The Representatives of the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as well within the limits of the United States of America as also of the Province of Canada, in British North America, ove

whom the Grand Lodge of the United States claim jurisdiction, assemble to-day for the purpose of presenting to you the token of respect which has been prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose.

I have been directed to make the presentation to you. Before performing that duty, I may be permitted to take a short view of the history of the Order, which now extends over the greater part of North America. In 1819, in the city of Baltimore, five individuals who had obtained a knowledge, and were possessed of information qualifying them to work as a Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., assembled together; and, fully satisfied that the principles of the Order of which they were members were such as would elevate the moral character of their fellow-men, and be of lasting benefit to the whole human family; that the principle of Friendship, taught by the Order, was not confined within the narrow limits of family, friends, or country, but that all members of the human family were entitled to participate in the benefits derived from a connection with the Order; that the open hand of Friendship should be extended to all men of good character, without regard to the country to which they belonged, or the religion they professed, they labored to disseminate those principles. They did not labor in vain. The correctness of their conduct, the truths of the great moral principles they taught, soon attracted attention, and numbers demanded to be admitted to connection with the Brotherhood. The Order spread; neighboring cities and States claimed admission, and to participate in the benefits to be derived from a connection with the Order. The present assembly gives evidence of the extent of the Order in the few short years which have elapsed since its first introduction by the five fathers of the Order in America. One of that number alone remains, the rest have been consigned to the silent tomb. P. G. S. Wildey, whom the members of the Order delight to call the father of our fellowship, still survives. He has merited and received from this body deserved marks of their approbation. His history is enrolled in the records of the Order, and will remain to his honor to the latest time. The testimony of esteem voted to him will remain with his family till the last member of it shall be extinct. The Order, in all parts of its extensive jurisdiction, have resolved to do honor to those who have rendered eminent service. In the great State of New York, for eminent services rendered to the Order, a testimony of esteem and a token of merit has been presented to G. Secretary Treadwell.

No one in the Order has rendered more service or is more deserving of approbation than yourself; for years you have conducted the business of the Grand Lodge of the United States as its Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, during all which time you have merited and received the approbation of your Brethren. As Editor of the Covenant or Official Magazine, you have displayed knowledge, talent, and devotion to the principles of the Order. To your labors we are indebted for much of the prosperity we enjoy,

and the character and standing we hold in the community. Your name will be incorporated with the history of the Order, and will be handed down to posterity, as one whom the Order delighted to honor.

I now present to you, in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, this Gold Watch and Chain, as a token of merit, and an evidence of the esteem in which you are held in the Order.

Permit me to say that in selecting me to perform the duty of presenting it to you, I feel that the Grand Lodge of the United States have conferred upon me an honor. Having been your associate in the Grand Lodge of the United States for upwards of fifteen years, I feel proud of the opportunity to add my testimony to that of my brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the highly meritorious manner in which you have performed your duties.

P. G. M. RIDGELY'S REPLY.

MY BRETHREN: You may well imagine the state of feeling in which the interesting incident, which is now passing, has naturally placed the humble subject of its honor; but believe me, not one of you may form any adequate idea of its overwhelming influence. It wholly unfits me for the position: takes from me the power of giving utterance to any sentiment, which may hope to rise to the level of the occasion.

To present the offering of a grateful heart for this extraordinary evidence of the confidence and esteem of my brethren, would be but the expression of a tithe of the emotions which now breathe within me.

It has been the pleasure of my brethren for a series of years to invite me to the place which I occupy in our beloved Order—a place vast in responsibility, distinguished in honor, and one, with the faithful, diligent, and competent discharge of whose duties, perhaps the harmony, well-being, and destiny of the institution is inseparably blended. It has been my aim, impelled not only by a proper appreciation of the exalted honor of the office, to act well my part; but by an ardent and irresistible, and I trust not unworthy ambition to transmit to my children, a father's name, however otherwise humble, yet in some faint degree, associated with the mighty march of this beloved Order, over all human obstacles to the consummation of its great destiny, when man under the gentle influences of Love shall become in Truth assimilated to the image in which he was formed.

This anxious wish, this long cherished hope, is this day more than realized. You have my brethren indeed done me honor. The journal of this distinguished body, which is to endure from generation to generation bears the record, and this beautiful and costly token of your affection, shall, so long as the purple current courses through this feeble body, and there remains one unspent drop of its vital energy, be cherished as a jewel of inestimable value.

May God grant that my future life may not dishonor the gift, or blur the truthful page of history, which shall bear the record to future time.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the motion pending at the adjournment, being the motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., to reconsider the vote adopting the report of the committee on the memorial of Covenant Lodge of the D. of C.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge reconsider the motion adopting the report of the committee on the memorial of Covenant Lodge of the District of Columbia?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Bayley, Kellogg, Kneass, Marshall, Moore, Morris, Parker, Patterson, Ropes, Taylor, of Ind., Thomas, P. G. S's Kennedy, Hopkins—13.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Cooke, Day, Desaussure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Garvin, Gilley, Glenn, Greenwood, Griffin, Hoit, Hough, Judson, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Miller, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parmenter, Reid, Salomon, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Wells, White, Wood, P. G. S. Wildey—44.

Reps. Dunkin and Whitney, of Canada, on motion, were excused from voting.

On motion of Rep. Cooke, of Va., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to the 18th By-law, now lying upon the table, which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the Grand Lodge took up the amendments to the By-laws, proposed by him, now lying on the table, on page 904, which were considered separately and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Salomon, of Ala., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee, now lying on the table, on the subject of the forms of prayer in the Order, on page 906.

The question being to adopt the report and accompanying forms of prayer—

Rep. Cooke, of Va., moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, and called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge indefinitely postpone the report of the committee?" which was passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Patterson, of Pa., the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the amendment to the By-laws, article 24, proposed by Rep. Weld, of N. J., on page 911.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put in the form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge strike out the 24th By-Law?" which was

resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Bayley, Beardsley, Desaussure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Gilley, Glenn, Greenwood, Hough, Judson, Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Marley, Marshall, Moore, Page, Parmenter, Patterson, Salomon, Stokes, Thomas, Weld, P. G. S. Hopkins—26.

NAYS.—Reps. Baldwin, Cooke, Day, Fosdick, Garvin, Griffin, Hoit, Kellogg, McNairy, Miller, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Parker, Reid, Robinson, Ropes, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Taylor, of Ind., Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Wells, White, Whitney, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Kennedy—33.

On motion leave of absence was granted Rep. Garvin, of Ga., and Miller, of Conn., after this day, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Gilley, of New York, report:

The Regalia of officers of Grand Encampments shall be royal purple collars or sashes and black aprons trimmed with gold bullion fringe.

The Regalia of officers of Subordinate Encampments shall be royal purple collars and black aprons trimmed with gold colored fringe, lace, or both.

Jewels for officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments shall be as follows, viz:

For Grand Patriarch a double triangle of yellow metal with a representation of an altar and crossed crooks in the centre

For Grand Most High Priest, same triangle, with representation of the breastplate.

For Grand S. W. same triangle with crossed crooks.

For " J. W. " " single crook.

For " Scribe " " crossed pens.

For " Treasurer " " crossed keys.

For " Sentinel " " crossed swords.

For Officers of Subordinate Encampments, single triangle, otherwise as designated for Officers of Grand Encampments.

Past Officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments shall be entitled to wear the regalia and jewels appertaining to the offices they have passed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. GILLEY,
D. S. PATTERSON,
D. SALOMON.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to change his vote from the affirmative to the negative on the proposition to strike out the 24th By-Law.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., from the Committee on Constitutions,

made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and the Grand Encampments of New York and Missouri, beg leave to report:

That after a careful examination of those Constitutions, your committee have been unable to find any thing contained therein requiring the action of this Body, or which conflicts with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, with a single exception, which is contained in the 6th section of the 3d article of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, which relates to the duty of Grand Representatives. That article reads thus:

“The R. W. Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States and there faithfully represent the interests and wishes of this Grand Encampment. *They shall nominate such substitute to act for them in case of necessary absence as the Grand Patriarch may approve,*” &c.

Your committee are of opinion that so much of said article as authorises a Grand Representative to nominate a substitute to act for him in case of his necessary absence, is contrary to the spirit as well as the letter of the 10th Article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which requires all Representatives to be elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent.

The attention of your committee has been called by the Representatives from Rhode Island, to the 6th section of the 2d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the substance of which that body has also incorporated into the 7th Article of the Constitution of its Subordinates. The section referred to has therefore been carefully considered, and your committee are of opinion that no special action is required thereon by this body.

With these views, the committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Respectfully submitted,

RICH'D MARLEY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri be, and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the words “*They shall nominate such substitute to act for them in case of necessary absence as the Grand Patriarch may approve*” be stricken from the 6th section of the 3d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, and that said Constitution with the amendment be. and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

On motion of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., the rule excluding the introduction of new business after the morning session, was rescinded.

Rep. Kellogg, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the financial affairs of this R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That in the discharge of the duty assigned them, they have carefully examined the books of accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find the same correct, with properly authenticated vouchers for all payments by the Treasurer.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows, viz:

Balance of cash on hand, Sept. 16th, 1845, as per report of Finance Committee and Treasurer of that date	-	\$3,487.47
Cash paid to Treasurer by the Secretary from Sept. 16th, 1845, to Sept. 21st, 1846, for Representation Tax, Books, Cards, &c., &c.	- - - -	\$14,265.59
Total,	- - - -	\$17,753.06
Amount paid by Grand Treasurer as per his account stated from Sept. 16, 1845, to Sept. 21, 1846,	- -	\$ 8,602.87½

Leaving balance in the Treasury - \$9,150.18½

The following claims against the Grand Lodge have been presented, examined and found correct:

Grand Secretary's office—incidentals,	- -	\$96.44
Grand Sire Sherlock's bill of postage,	- - -	30.70
Albert Case, D. Grand Sire, travelling expenses,	-	50.00
Jno. G. Treadwell, G. Marshall, do.	- -	40.00
Levin Jones, G. Guardian, do.	- -	20.00
J. D. McCabe, G. Chaplain, do.	- -	70.50
J. E. Chamberlain, bill of sundries,	- - -	15.50
E. S. Fryer, bill for Gilt Frame,	- - -	2.00
W. D. Wilson, D. D. G. Sire, bill for postage,	-	13.00
J. Winchester, bill for Circulars in Golden Rule,	-	12.00
J. Pratt, Commissioner State of Maine, bill for postage,		1.30
A. R. Smith, D. D. G. Sire, "	-	2.75
Albert G. Day, premium on Exchange,	- -	11.25
Albert Case, D. G. Sire, bill for postage,	- -	2.70
		<u>\$368.12</u>

Which amount the committee recommend to be settled by the proper officer.

Your committee also recommend appropriations for payment of the following claims, viz:

Special loan Marion Lodge, New York,	- -	\$1000.00
Grand Sire Sherlock's travelling expenses,	-	100.00
J. A. Kennedy, for postage bill, bill for boxes for packing revised work for distribution and express charges on documents, &c., \$100, or so much thereof as may be found by the accounting officers due to him,	-	\$100.00

Peter Prulin's bill for Watch,	350.00	}	378.00
R. & A. Campbell's bill for chain and seal,	28.00		
presented to J. L. Ridgely, G. C. and R. Secretary,			
Total indebtedness,			\$1,946.12
Leaving an unappropriated balance in the Treasury of			\$7,204.06
This balance is in cash,	\$6,251.68		
Draft J. G. Treadwell on Joseph R. Taylor,			
Grand Master, for Cards, &c., &c., (for acc't			
of Grand Lodge of New York,) payable on 1st			
Jan. next,	934.38		
Check on Bank of Montreal,	18.00		
			<u>\$7,204.06</u>

There is also due to this Grand Lodge in assets at present unavailable the following sums:

Arkansas funds,	\$192.50
Notes of G. W. Churchill,	160.00
Note of J. C. Bull, due 1st of July last,	300.00
Check of S. C. Sewall, on Bank of Montreal,	140.64
	<u>893.14</u>

And from Grand Lodges and Encampments, as per documents A. and B., appended to G. Secretary's report, 2840.32

The amount due by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments cannot be arrived at, there having been no reports from these bodies placed in the hands of your committee.

All of which, with the accompanying resolutions, are respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG,
H. L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the proper officers draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the several claims above reported, and appropriations recommended.

Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for payment of salaries to the Grand Officers, as follows, viz:

Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, one thousand dollars, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer, and one hundred and fifty dollars for the salary of Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; and one hundred dollars for the salary of Grand Treasurer A. E. Warner, payable quarterly on his own receipt.

And the further sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for the payment of office rent of Grand Secretary, postage and discounts, printing journal, &c., stationery, incidental and contingent expenses of Grand Secretary's office, and travelling expenses of Grand Officers; and that the same be paid from time to time on the order of the Grand Secretary.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report; which was read, accepted, and the accompanying By-law recommended, ordered to lie on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which were referred sundry applications and resolutions respecting the removal from one town to an-

other of the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, Alabama, and Illinois, respectfully recommend (not conceiving the reasons offered sufficient to warrant them in granting the request, and in view of the repeated requests of this kind, which are made to this body by a minority of the bodies interested) that the following by-law be adopted, to regulate future proceedings on the subject:

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

That no proposition to change the location of a State Grand Lodge, or State Grand Encampment, can be entertained, except on the petition of a majority of the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments of the State.

Rep. Reid, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Work of the Order be directed, during the recess of this G. Lodge, to prepare a form of ceremony to be used in conferring the Past Official Degrees of the Order, and submit the same to this G. Lodge for its approval at its next session.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of Michigan Encampment, No. 1, Paw-wah-ting Encampment, No. 3, Lenawee Encampment, No. 4, and Samaritan Encampment, No. 6, for a charter for a Grand Encampment to be located at Kalamazoo, in the State of Michigan, respectfully report:

That, as this petition comes from but *four* out of *six* Encampments now existing in the State of Michigan, it does not appear that the 5th Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge has been complied with. The article referred to requires that *each* Encampment shall be represented in the Convention which makes application for a Grand Charter. Under these circumstances your committee doubt the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners, lest, by pursuing such a course, injustice may be done to the two Encampments which were not represented. They, therefore, recommend that the charter be not granted until the requirements of the law are fulfilled, and when that is done, the Executive officers of this body be authorised to issue a charter as prayed for.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion, the report was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was re-committed the subject, made the following report:

The foregoing report having been recommitted to the Committee on Petitions, that committee have re-examined the case in view of

the arguments advanced in the course of the debate thereon, and they see no reason to change their opinion as to the appropriate disposition of the subject, under the present By-Law, which is as follows:

‘All application for charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment must be by a vote of the several Lodges or Encampments in the state, district, or territory, as follows: Each Lodge or Encampment in the state, district, or territory, shall appoint one or more of its P. Grands or Patriarchs, as a representative, to meet with similar representatives from the other Grand Lodges or Encampments, to consider the propriety of an application for a Charter for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Each subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives the vote shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in form following,” &c. &c.

Your committee maintain that the above By-Law requires every Encampment in the State of Michigan to assent to the establishment of the Grand Encampment which is now prayed for. Instead of this being the case, only two-thirds of the Encampments in Michigan have joined in the petition under consideration. As regards the principal objection urged against the adoption of the recommendation of the committee, that the absent Camps, in consequence of their having no Past Officers, could not be represented in convention, your committee reply, that the By-Law does not require the representatives of Encampments to be Past Officers.

Your committee remark, in conclusion, that, apart from the informality in the organization of the convention from which the petition emanates, your committee would have no objection to complying with the request of the petition, but they do not deem it consistent with propriety to present a written report in direct conflict with existing law. If it be desirable that some more convenient method be devised for facilitating the establishment of Grand Lodges and Encampments, it is competent for this body to amend its By-Laws, so as to accomplish the object.

Your committee repeat their former recommendation, which they deem to be the most favorable course that can now be pursued, unless it be the pleasure of this Grand Lodge to postpone the consideration of the subject-matter of this report for the space of one day, in order to afford time for the amendment of the law.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion the report was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, and Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, (being *four* of the

six Lodges now organized in the territory of Iowa,) asking for a charter for a Grand Lodge in the said Territory, to be located in the town of Burlington, cannot recommend the granting of the charter as prayed for, for the reasons stated in their report in the case of application for a Grand Encampment in the State of Michigan.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. C., proposed the following amendment to the 5th article of the By-Laws, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

That the first fifteen lines of the 5th article of the By-Laws be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor, viz:

“Article 5.—All applications for charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, must be by vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the state, district or territory, as follows: When three or more Lodges or Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges or Encampments in the state, district, or territory, inviting them to meet in consultation, at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Patriarchs, as representatives, to meet in convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the erection of the Grand Lodge or Encampment, (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least three Lodges or Encampments.) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a representative, or should the representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives the vote shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to wit:”

Rep. Weld, of N. J., asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 24, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: present M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to instruction in the work, pursuant to the order setting apart this evening for that object.

After several hours passed in instruction, the Grand Lodge on motion adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 25, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

Prayer by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., moved to suspend the rule, to offer a proposition to amend the Constitution, which was agreed to.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Searfoss, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

That Art. VIII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and Art. IX be numbered VIII, and so on successively.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama in removing its officers prior to the expiration of their respective terms, by amending the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge, report:

That by an alteration of its Constitution, changing the commencement of its official year from July to April, the Grand Lodge of Alabama abridged the terms of the then existing Grand Officers. Your committee are of opinion that, inasmuch as official service is, in our Order, often a pre-requisite to promotion, no interference, by change of laws, with the rights of incumbents of office should be allowed. Such alterations of the laws should be prospective in their operation, and should in no way affect the terms of officers who are actually in service. Your committee deem the suggestions of the Grand Sire to be correct. They recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, whose terms were abridged by the amendment of the Constitution made in April, 1846, be entitled to the honors of their respective terms.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Morris, on page 867, report:

That in their opinion there exists no particular reason for the pas-

sage of the resolution, and therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry into the law authorising Degree Lodges, report:

That they find no distinct law on the subject. For the last twenty years State Grand Lodges have allowed the existence of Degree Lodges, and their legality has been acquiesced in by this Grand Lodge. Constitutions of State Grand Lodges containing provisions for the establishment of Degree Lodges, have been approved by this body, and the charge books of the Order by implication recognise their legal existence.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., proposed the following as a substitute for the report of the committee:

Resolved, That all Degree Lodges be, and the same are hereby, abolished, the same being inconsistent with the chartered rights of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, presented the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom has been referred the resolution offered by Rep. McNairy, of Tennessee, beg leave to report, that in their opinion it is desirable that the same should be adopted as a general regulation of this body for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, shall delegate the Legislative authority vested in it by this Grand Lodge to any other body or bodies whatever.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., offered the following amendment as an addition to the report of the committee:

Resolved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, shall not be construed so as to affect the holding of a Convention in the city of New York, for the purpose of adopting a new Constitution.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., offered the following as a substitute for the amendment proposed by Rep. Egan, of N. Y.

Resolved, That this resolution be so construed as to prevent the assemblage of any Convention to alter or change the fundamental laws of any Grand Lodge or Encampment.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had in their hands certain communications from members of the Order, unofficially addressed to this Grand Lodge, and while they would treat with respect all communications, they do not deem it within the province of their duties to satisfy the individual curiosity or to weigh the critical sagacity of these correspondents in questions pertaining to the Order. Your committee cannot think that such documents are legitimately before this Grand Lodge for action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee made the following report, which was read and concurred in;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. Alsop, of Illinois, and believing that the same may obviate difficulties in the first operations of the new six months' law, recommend that the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That when by the action of the law passed regulating the terms of Subordinate Lodges, the last quarter of this year shall contain less than seven weeks, the officers then shall serve through the next term, and when the last quarter contains as many as seven weeks the officers shall be considered as Past Officers.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution of Rep. McNairy, on page 904, and thereon report:

That the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, has heretofore indirectly established the point upon which inquiry has been made. For the purpose of determining the question your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,

WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That if upon appeal to a State Grand Lodge by a member of a Subordinate Lodge, charged with violating a known law of the Order, the decision of his Lodge be reversed, he may be reinstated without the consent of his Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and unanimously concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were submitted the portions of the Grand Sire's and Corresponding Secretary's reports, having reference to our foreign relations, report:

That the effort to establish our form of Odd-Fellowship in England, has by a succession of untoward circumstances most signally failed. The committee, nevertheless, are rejoiced to find that this want of success is not owing to any disrespect on the part of our foreign brethren towards the Order as we have presented it to them, or to its incompatibility with the political and social institutions of their country. It is unfortunate that trifling disagreement upon matters of form, and questions of precedence, should have interfered with the success of the noble effort to plant our Order in one of the great kingdoms of Europe: regarding this enterprise as an important step towards the accomplishment of an object near the hearts of the members of the Order in this country, that of extending the blessings of our Order over the civilized world. Your committee recommend that at present this Grand Lodge desist from the attempt to renew the relations so unfortunately broken off, in the belief that through the instrumentality of the newly established Canadian Sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship, the Order may yet find favor and support among the great people to whom we have heretofore commended it.

The Lodges in Wales have not reported to this Grand Lodge, and it has been found difficult to correspond with them and to ascertain their exact condition. Your committee, however, recommend that action with reference to these Lodges be for the present delayed, in the hope that a revival of interest in the Order, and of attention to their duties, may be awakened in them.

Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge take especial notice of the kind and fraternal greeting of our brethren in Australia, and that as provided in the resolutions hereto appended, they be apprized of our warm interest in their welfare. The adoption of the following resolutions is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,

WM. R. SMITH,

J. W. STOKES

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to take immediate steps for the return of the Charters and Books granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate to the R. W. Australian Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. the acknowledgment of the reception of their courteous letter, and to tender the assurances of the high respect of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and of our warm and abiding interest in their welfare and prosperity.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, report that they have considered the same, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

1. *Resolved*, That to acquire or retain membership in an Encampment of Patriarchs, full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is indispensably necessary.

2. *Resolved*, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once his connexion with his Encampment; and that it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to prepare at once, and furnish to said Patriarch a withdrawal card, provided the Patriarch is in good standing.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension or expulsion of any such member.

4. *Resolved*, That where a withdrawal card has been granted to a Patriarch, under the circumstances specified in the second resolution, and the individual holding the card shall afterwards renew his membership in the subordinate branch of the Order, and apply to the Encampment, whose card he holds for re-admission, the said Encampment shall be privileged to dispense with the reference of said application to a committee of investigation, and may proceed at once to ballot; but such ballot must be governed by the same rules as other ballots on applications for admission.

5. *Resolved*, That every member of an Encampment who is suspended or expelled by the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, shall forfeit membership in his Encampment, and that his name shall be stricken from the rolls of said Encampment immediately on the receipt of the information of his suspension or expulsion.

6. *Resolved*, That no application for admission into an Encampment shall be received, or in any way entertained, unless accompanied by a certificate under the seal of some Subordinate Lodge, that the applicant is a member in good standing in such Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., on page 911, begs leave to report adversely to the adoption of the 2d, 4th, and 5th resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES.

On motion to adopt the report of the majority of the committee, a division of the question was required and the resolutions were considered seriatim.

The first resolution was considered and adopted.

The second resolution was considered, and

On motion of Rep. Page, of N. J., was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the rule was suspended in order to enable him to state a proposition for the decision of the chair.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., having stated the point raised by him, the G. Sire decided as follows:

As full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is essential to membership in an Encampment, it follows that when membership ceases in a Subordinate Lodge by withdrawal of card, it ceases in the Encampment, and that by the deposite of the card again in a Subordinate Lodge he does not become a member of the Encampment. Upon the withdrawal of the card his connection with the Encampment to which he had been attached is severed.

From which opinion Rep. Stokes, of Pa., appealed in words following, viz:

I appeal from so much of the above opinion as prevents the said brother from receiving a card from his Encampment, and a renewal of membership in said Encampment, on a deposite in another Subordinate Lodge of the card which he received from the Subordinate Lodge from whence he withdrew.

The question being: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Day, Desaussure, Fosdick, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin (2 votes,) Hough, Judson (2 votes,) Kellogg, Marley, Marshall, Page (2 votes,) Parmenter, Ropes, Seymour, Smith, Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Veitch, Wadsworth, White, Wood, P. G. Sire Hopkins—26.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Cooke, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Kneass, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Miller, Moore, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Parker, Patterson, Reid, Robinson, Salomon, Searfoss, Stewart, Stokes, Thompson, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Wells, Whitney—28.

Rep. Dunkin, of Canada, on motion, was excused from voting.

On motion the Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of membership in Encampments.

The second resolution being under consideration—

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., to postpone the consideration of the resolution indefinitely, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The third resolution was considered, and on motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, it was indefinitely postponed.

The fourth resolution was considered.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., moved to amend by striking out the fourth resolution and substituting the following:

Resolved, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once his connection with his Encampment; but on the renewal of his membership in a subordinate Lodge, his membership in his Encampment is thereby renewed: *Provided*, such renewal shall occur within one month from the date of such withdrawal card.

The question being on the substitute of the Rep. of Mass., it was resolved in the affirmative.

The fifth resolution reported by the committee being under consideration, on motion indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was passed in the affirmative.

The sixth resolution being considered, was on motion indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report which relates to the printing of the Work of the Order by Subordinate Encampments, Lodges, and individuals, have considered the subject, and report:

That by the existing laws the right to print or publish any portion of the Work of the Order, or any form of diplomas, belongs exclusively to this Grand Lodge. The committee report the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,

WM. R. SMITH,

J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the right to print or publish the lectures, charges, or odes, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction, or any portion thereof, or any form of diploma now used by the G. L. U. S., is exclusively the property of this Grand Lodge; and any violation of this right by Grand or Subordinate Lodges, or individuals, is in opposition to the laws, rights, and privileges of this Grand body.

Resolved, That the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the several State Grand bodies be directed to cause the law of the Grand Lodge in this respect to be enforced in their respective jurisdictions.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Shall the report and resolutions of the committee be adopted?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution submitted by Rep. Gilley, in relation to an alteration of the work of Subordinate Encampments, have considered the subject, and report:

That the work of this branch of the Order has hardly been in operation a sufficient length of time to test its value, or to enable the Subordinates to properly estimate its adaptation to their wants, and that any change, at present, would only be productive of embarrassment and confusion.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour having arrived for taking up the report of the Committee on Appeals, made the special order for this day at 12 o'clock, on page 930-31—

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the special order of the day was again-laid on the table.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution offered by Rep. Stewart, of New York, on page 914, have considered the subject, and report:

That in the opinion of the committee the passage of the resolution is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, which was read and on motion adopted.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of a portion of the Lodges in the Territory of Wisconsin for a charter for a Grand Lodge, and the remonstrance of two other Lodges

against the propriety of granting the request of the petitioners, respectfully report:

That there are twelve Lodges already organized in the said Territory, in the supervision of which some inconvenience is experienced, arising from the division of the Territory into two districts under separate District Deputy Grand Sires, in addition to the difficulty of providing for contingencies consequent upon the settlement of a new country and its remoteness from the seat of power—all of which are matters deserving the attention of this body, and sufficient to induce the committee to recommend favorable action on the petition, if, for the reasons stated in previous reports, they did not feel themselves debarred from doing so.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petition of John Niles, J. E. Hollister, Wm. B. Hollister, Mark Whinery, Alonzo D. Webster, Wm. Gilliland, and Wm. M. Wood, for an Encampment to be located at Mishawaka, in the State of Indiana, and which application is sanctioned by the D. D. G. Sire of that State, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted when the requirement of the law is complied with by the payment of the fee.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the memorial of Bro. George N. Hufty, (late of New Jersey, but now of Pennsylvania,) complaining of a certain provision in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which prevents Past High Priests from becoming members of the said Grand Encampment, respectfully report that the Constitution complained of has been duly approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in this act of approval, this body has admitted the right of Grand Encampments to make such a provision. While the committee have thus taken pains to answer the objection of Bro. Hufty, they cannot admit the right of individual members to make suggestions through this body as to the propriety of amendments to State Constitutions.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which were referred three several applications (all of them being in due form) for the establishment of Encampments in the towns of Indianapolis, Lafayette, and Laurel, in the State of Indiana, and which Encampments were improperly instituted by the District Deputy Grand Sire, under a misapprehension of the powers and duties of his office, (as explained in the report of the Grand Sire,) respectfully recommend that legal charters be granted in each case, in pursuance of the prayer of the petitioners.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of Jeffrey F. Halsey and six others for a charter for a Lodge, to be located at Shullsburgh, in the Territory of Wisconsin, under the title of Justitia Lodge, No. —, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, having considered the petition and papers in relation to the establishment of a Lodge at Oregon city, in the Territory of Oregon, a charter for which has been improperly granted by a District Deputy Grand Sire, under a misapprehension of his duties, (as explained in the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire,) respectfully recommend that a charter in due form be granted to Bro. Gilbert Watson and his co-petitioners, and be forwarded by the Grand Officers as a substitute for the illegal charter which, without any fault on their part, they have taken out with them.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Returns, now lying on the table, which was taken up, considered, and adopted.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Standing Committee on Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments not represented, to which was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Annual Report as relates to the condition of the Order in the States of Texas and Arkansas, beg leave to report:

That they have not been able to ascertain why the Grand Lodge of Texas is not represented in this Grand Lodge. This vacancy is to be regretted from the fact that every other Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under this jurisdiction is represented. It is, however, a source of the highest gratification to be able to report that in Texas and Arkansas, the Order seems to be in a more flourishing condition than formerly, and gives promise of more extended usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. E. GLENN,
THOMAS ALSOP,
H. H. WHITNEY.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, appointed under the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Mo., "to report a plan of conferring degrees, in Degree and Subordinate Lodges, so as to establish a uniform system throughout the whole Order," beg leave to report:

That the subject referred to them is one which they consider of great importance, and deserves the calm deliberation of this body. It must be very obvious that a uniform manner of conferring Degrees is not only desirable, but essentially necessary to perpetuate the purity and uniformity of the various sublime Degrees of our beloved Order. Upon the uniformity of these Degrees depends much of that which is vital to our interest and existence as an Order: if we do not receive these Degrees alike, we shall labor under embarrassments in recognising and knowing each other as Odd-Fellows.

Your committee are aware of the difficulty of establishing a system of conferring Degrees, so as to operate uniformly in the whole Order; but we suggest that some plan may be adopted which will attain this object as nearly as possible, and therefore submit the following resolutions for your action.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
H. H. WHITNEY,
D. P. WATSON.

1. *Resolved*, That State Grand Lodges are required to charter and institute Degree Lodges in places where there is more than one Subordinate Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That the Degree Lodges thus instituted shall elect annually the following officers: A Degree Master, a Deputy Degree Master, an Assistant Deputy Degree Master, all of whom shall be P. Grands. And it shall be the duty of these named officers to confer the Subordinate Degrees strictly in conformity with the written and unwritten Work of the Order.

3. *Resolved*, That wherever no Degree Lodges exist, the D. D. G. Master of such District shall appoint a sufficient number of qualified brethren to confer Degrees, who shall serve in that capacity one year, and who shall be recognised

by the title of the Officers of Degree Lodges, and shall in all respects conform to the written and unwritten Work of the Order.

4. *Resolved*, That each Representative at this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be carefully instructed in the Work of the Order, and impart the same to the Grand Master of their respective States, who shall instruct each D. D. G. Master in his jurisdiction, and require them to visit each Lodge within his District, and give instruction in the Work.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, to amend by striking out from the 3d resolution, the words "Officers of Degree Lodges" and insert "Degree Committees," it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of funeral observances under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and of the form of funeral and other processions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, beg leave to report:

That they have attentively considered the same, and recommend to your R. W. Body the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. McNAIRY
CHRISPH. DUNKIN,
D. J. HOIT.

1. *Resolved*, That the Regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order when attending the funeral of a deceased brother, be as follows:

A black crape Rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an Elective or Past Officer) the jewel or jewels which as such he may be entitled to wear.

2. *Resolved*, That the ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lappel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer may have attained.

3. *Resolved*, That the order of procedure at the funeral of a deceased brother, be as follows:

At the appointed hour the Subordinate Lodge of which such brother was a member, shall meet at its Lodge room, and shall open in the initiatory Degree; and the N. G. shall appoint a marshal and such number of assistant marshals as may be required. The Lodge shall thereupon close, and the brothers shall pass in procession from the Lodge room to the place from which the funeral may have been appointed to start, in the following order:

1. The marshal, wearing a black scarf, and bearing a baton bound with a band of black crape.

2. The O. G. bearing a red staff, in like mourning.

3. The Scene Supporters bearing white wands in like mourning.

4. Members of the Initiatory Degree, in order of juniority, two abreast.

5. Members of the White, Pink, Royal Blue, Green and Scarlet Degrees, respectively, in like order.

6. Members of the Lodge having the Patriarchal, G. R. and R. P. Degrees, respectively, in like order.

7. The I. G., bearing the regalia and insignia indicative of the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.

8. The Treasurer, Assistant, Permanent or Financial Secretary or Secretaries, and the Secretary of the Lodge.

9. The P. G., supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office, bound with a band of black crape.

10. The Chaplain, wearing a white scarf, and supported by the Warden and Conductor, each bearing his staff of office in like mourning.

11. The N. G., supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office in like mourning.

12. The Past Grands of the Lodge, in order of juniority.

13. Brethren of invited Lodges, those of each Lodge arranged in the order above prescribed; the Lodges, when more than one may be represented, arranged in order of juniority.

On arriving at the place appointed for the starting of the funeral, the brothers shall take position in the above order immediately before the corpse, and shall precede it to the place of interment.

On arriving at such place of interment, the brothers shall open to the right and left, and allow the corpse, mourners, &c. to pass through, the brothers on either side standing uncovered, the hat held in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other. And after the passing of the corpse, mourners, &c., between the two lines, the brothers shall re-form in procession after them in reversed order, and close the procession into and within the place of interment.

After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may cause to be there performed, and before the final closing of the grave, the brothers shall form silently, and as nearly as may be according to the order above set forth, uncovered, the hat in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other, in one or more circles, as regular as the nature of the ground may admit, around the grave; when the Chaplain, or in default of a Chaplain, the N. G. may address the brothers and offer up a prayer, or may address the brothers without the offering of a prayer; and after such address or prayer, or both, or if there be no address or prayer, then after a pause suited to the solemnity of the occasion, the N. G. shall advance singly to the head of the grave, and cast into it with the right hand the sprig of evergreen from his regalia, and shall return to his place; whereupon the brothers from left to right in regular succession, and in such numbers at a time as not to cause confusion, shall advance to the grave, shall cast into it (each with the right hand) the sprig of evergreen from their regalia, and shall return to their place. And after all have done this, and the grave shall have been filled up or closed, the brothers shall silently re-form into procession according to the order observed in coming to the place of interment, and shall return in such order to the Lodge room, where the N. G. shall declare the funeral ceremonies to be closed.

4. *Resolved*, That if at the time of his death the deceased brother was a member of an Encampment, or of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Chaplain and highest Officer or Officers present, of such Encampment, or Grand Body or Bodies, supported each by two members thereof, shall take position in the funeral procession next after the Chaplain and N. G., respectively, of the Subordinate Lodge of the deceased, and shall take precedence of such N. G., and of each other, according to their respective rank, in conducting the ceremony of interment as above set forth.

5. *Resolved*, That the subject of the forms of Address and Prayer to be used at the interment of deceased brothers be left, at least for the present, to the legislation of the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, in case they shall see fit to legislate thereon.

6. *Resolved*, That in other processions of the Order the rules of precedence above set forth, so far as they may admit of being followed, shall be adhered to.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., indefinitely to postpone the report of the committee, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge on motion proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitutions, on the subject of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, also of the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Rhode Island, now lying on the table, which was read.

Rep. White, of R. I., offered the following as an amendment, in the form of an addition to the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That no business shall be transacted in any Lodge under this jurisdiction of any nature not immediately connected with Odd-Fellowship. All questions that agitate the community at large, and on which men may honestly differ, but which are entirely distinct from Odd-Fellowship, shall be strictly forbidden. And all questions that have a tendency to lead to debate on matters of national, local, political, or religious subjects—such as slavery or abolition, temperance or anti-temperance, moral reform, or any other topic for the propagation of which distinct associations already exist—shall be strictly guarded against; and it shall be the imperative duty of presiding officers to enforce this regulation in all cases. Every member has a right to his own opinions, and to advance and advocate them on questions of politics, religion, &c., but not in an Odd-Fellows' Lodge-room. Here, all must be harmony and concert, and all things tending to produce contention shall be rigidly excluded.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Constitutions, it was passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pa., that the Book of Diagrams presented by P. G. S. Kennedy be adopted as the unwritten work of the Order—

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Pa.?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

With the consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Most Worthy Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a Special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any Sovereign Jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship recognised by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expense of such Special Grand Representative's visit to such Grand Lodge may be appropriated for from the funds of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such Foreign Grand Lodge who may be duly accredited from the same as a Special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberative voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee in relation to the removal of the seat of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, now lying on the table, which being under consideration, Rep. Robinson of Va., moved the following as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1845, authorising the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia to the City of Richmond, be so modified as to allow its removal to such place as may be de-

terminated upon by a majority of the Subordinate Encampments in special session assembled in the town of Portsmouth, on the 2d day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in April next, who shall report its decision thereon to this Grand Lodge for its ultimate action. Nevertheless, the next annual session in 1847 shall be held at the place so designated by said special session.

Whereupon the report of the committee, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Cooke, of Va., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To strike out the words "as follows" on the 18th page in the 5th line of that article, and insert after the word "certificate" the words "of such election or appointment duly authenticated by the proper officers of such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Also—To strike out the entire form of the certificate as contained in said article 10th.

The Chair announced the appointment of Cor. Sec. Ridgley, P. G. Sire Hopkins, and Rep. Griffin, of Ga., as the committee to prepare a Digest of Laws, pursuant to the resolution directing the same.

Leave of absence, on motion, was granted to Grand Marshal Treadwell.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., submitted the following resolutions, which were read:

Resolved, That the G. Sec. be instructed to copy in the book of diagrams of the unwritten work of the Order, the explanations of the same, contained in the old book of illustrations, and that the said old book of illustrations be by him immediately thereafter destroyed.

Resolved, That the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge, and that the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., called the previous question, pending which,

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 25, 4 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the question pending at the adjournment, to wit: The call for the previous question on the resolutions submitted by Rep. Kneass, of Pa., which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolutions submitted by Rep. Kneass, of Pa.?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, that the Grand Lodge take up for consideration the resolution offered by him, extending the official term in Subordinate Encampments, on page 913, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws, now lying on the table in the words following, to wit: Strike out the word "shall" and insert the word "may," which was concurred in.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Regalia, Emblems, &c., which being under consideration,

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., it was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the R. W. G. Secretary's report in reference to diagrams, report that inasmuch as a certain portion of said diagrams are in possession of the Grand Lodge, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES.

WM. ELLISON.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives of Maryland be requested, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, to have a temporary platform erected and neatly carpeted, in order to avoid the difficulty that now exists in obstructing the view of the Grand Sire, and present the bill to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge on the first day of the session, in reversing the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, in the matter of admitting Alex. MacRae to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, shall not be so construed as to imply a doubt in the correctness of this decision according to the letter of the Constitution.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the G. Secretary, with the Maryland Representation, be, and they are hereby, instructed to have printed three thousand copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the use of Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and members of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pa., it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the acknowledgments of this Grand Lodge are justly due, and are hereby tendered, to the M. W. G. Sire, for the able, impar-

tial, and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge at the present session.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses, and their highest titles in the order.

On motion of Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Jewels, Regalia, &c., now lying on the table, which being read,

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?" which was passed in the affirmative.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to G. C. and R. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for the efficient and able manner in which he has performed the important duties of his office during the past year.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., that the Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* at 7 o'clock this evening, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee in charge of the digest of the Order, be directed to prepare a suitable Funeral Service for the burial of deceased members; and that it be obligatory upon them to report their action in this matter to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual session.

Rep. Bayley, of Md., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to procure a sufficient number of desks and chairs for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to purchase the same.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., to amend by striking out \$500 and substituting \$250, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the previous question upon the resolution submitted by Rep. Bayley, of Md., which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Bayley, of Md.?" which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., to enlarge the Committee on the Digest of Laws, by the addition of two members, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Chair named Reps. Seymour and Parmenter as the additional members.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which the Chair ruled out of order:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries of the several State Grand Lodges be directed to present one copy of the Lectures and Charges of the Five Degrees to the N. G. of any Subordinate Lodge, and that the said Lodge be empowered to confer the Degrees on its own members that may desire them.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorised to furnish any required supply of copies of the Charge and Degree Books, and Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, at as low a rate of advance upon cost price as in the opinion of the M. W. G. Sire and himself may secure this Grand Lodge from risk of loss.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, it was ordered that no new business shall be entertained during the residue of the session.

On motion of Rep. Desaussure, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, in relation to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, on page 326, which being under consideration,

On motion of Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., to strike out the third and fourth resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the report of the committee as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Moore, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee on the application of the Encampments in Michigan for a Grand Charter, which being under consideration, on motion it was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Petitions on the application of the Lodges of Iowa praying for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, which was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Moore, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to 5th Article of the By-Laws, proposed by him, on page 949, which being under consideration, was adopted.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, in order to enable the Grand Officers to comply with the applications for Charters for a Grand Encampment in Michigan, and for Grand Lodges in the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, at the earliest time practicable, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Resolved, That when the Encampments in the State of Michigan, and the Lodges in the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, shall have complied with the new By-Law regulating the subject, and satisfied the Executive officers of this body thereof, charters be granted for a Grand Encampment in the State of Michigan, and for Grand Lodges in each of the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, the said Grand Encampment and Grand Lodges respectively to be located at such places within the limits of their appropriate Territory, of their respective jurisdictions, as may be designated by the petitioners in each case.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, offered the following substitute for the report of the committee, which was resolved in the negative.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter for a Grand Encampment, prayed for by a petition from Michigan Encampment, No. 1, Paw-wah-ting Camp, No. 3, Linawee Camp, No. 4, Samaritan Camp, No. 6, to be located at Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county, in the State of Michigan, be granted by this Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was concurred in.

The M. W. G. Sire announced the A. T. P. W. when

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

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1845.		
Sept. 16,	To Arkansas funds unavailable.....	\$192 50
"	To three notes of G. W. Churchill not due.....	260 00
"	To two notes of J. C. Bull, \$600, one paid.....	311 64
"	To cash on hand at last settlement.....	3,487 47
	To cash from Grand Secretary at sundry times.....	13,953 95
	Total.....	<u>\$18,205 56</u>

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1845.		
Sept. 18,	By cash to J. A. Kennedy, expenses on revision of new work	\$86 22
"	" W. R. Smith, Commissioner in Maine.....	50 00
"	" R. Brandt as Guardian of G. Lodge of U. States..	30 00
" 19	" C. McGowan for printing revision of work.....	89 10
"	" W. Curtis, Grand Marshal at extra session,.....	15 00
"	" L. Jones as Grand Guardian of G. L. U. S.....	10 70
"	" J. G. Treadwell for designing Card.....	15 00
"	" " as Grand Marshal.....	40 00
"	" J. D. McCabe for postage.....	2 00
"	" W. W. Moore, to expenses on revision of work...	67 50
"	" J. L. Ridgely, to expenses on revision of work....	40 00
"	" " as Grand Secretary of G. L. U. S... ..	400 00
"	" J. E. Chamberlain as Messenger at extra session..	30 00
"	" " for sundries as per bill.....	17 60
"	" P. Smick for printing Cards.....	106 60
"	" Expenses of Grand Secretary's office.....	48 69
"	" T. Sherlock, expenses as Grand Sire.....	100 00
"	" A. Case as Grand Chaplain to G. L. U. S.....	60 00
" 20,	" H. Hopkins, expenses as G. Sire to G. L. U. S....	94 10
"	By discount on uncurrent funds, (\$635,).....	10 47
"	By Millington Bank note returned to G. Sect. (bank broke)..	5 00
"	By Indiana Bank note returned to G. Sect. (counterfeit).....	5 00
" 27,	By Cash to E. Parsons, D. D. G. S., for postage.....	3 10
" 29,	" C. Neilson, adm'x of R. Neilson, for printing.....	556 50
Oct. 3,	" Rosensteel for postage of Grand Secretary.....	9 23½
" 14,	" J. Young for printing.....	109 15
" 18,	" J. Hufty for printing and engraving.....	808 45
" 22,	" E. H. Chapin for expenses on revision of work....	85 00
Nov. 3,	" J. E. Chamberlain for postage of Grand Secretary..	5 63
" 20,	" D. D. G. S. Potts, appropriation of G. L. U. S....	14 00
" 28,	" Burnap & Black for Diplomas.....	133 87
Dec. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain for postage of Grand Secretary..	7 58
" 12,	" W. E. Tucker for retouching Certificate plate.....	50 00
"	" P. Smick for printing cards.....	102 19
" 15,	" J. L. Ridgely one quarter's salary as G. Secretary..	250 00
"	" J. E. Chamberlain one quarter's salary as Messenger	37 50

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. G. L. of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1846

1846. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Lodges.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Sub. Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brethren.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount for burying the Dead.	Total amount for Relief.
G. L. of Maryland,...	Baltimore,...	Md.	32	1331	189	14	595	13	\$31,083 00	5,235	532	79	43	\$7,152 48	\$3,657 59	\$1,772 54	\$3,361 10	\$15,973 65
Massachusetts,...	Boston,...	Mass. ...	114	3863	187	46	637	3	104,239 27	11,836	1,482	45	44	25,976 19	932 86	...	2,604 18	29,513 23
New York,...	New York,...	N. Y. ...	239	8365	788	55	2653	10	197,462 04	23,745	3,509	236	150	50,696 00	6,419 24	320 86	6,535 26	64,031 36
Pennsylvania,...	Philadelphia Pa.	Pa.	182	6627	229	88	1516	10	95,893 21	15,629	2,229	280	77	19,554 34	2,034 71	54 75	3,401 65	25,049 57
District of Columbia	Washington, D. of C.	D. of C.	14	364	95	3	246	12	9,006 14	1,399	280	26	5	2,517 50	200 38	206 26	150 00	3,067 81
Delaware,...	Wilmington, Del.	Del.	6	169	17	...	41	6	2,738 22	447	...	2	1	329 00	25 00	...	102 06	456 06
Ohio,...	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Ohio.	65	1819	485	67	516	9	32,315 65	4,058	339	57	15	5,793 20	208 22	...	332 00	6,333 42
Louisiana,...	New Orleans La.	La.	9	265	6	2	63	13	9,264 36	456	21	1	5	417 50	40 00	...	315 00	778 50
New Jersey,...	Trenton,...	N. J.	40	1082	87	5	491	9	24,703 05	3,438	371	12	17	5,847 12	100 75	77 26	...	6,655 98
Kentucky,...	Louisville, Ky.	Ky.	23	308	32	5	270	5	10,196 10	1,073	125	6	9	2,099 69	307 50	51 12	...	3,049 81
Virginia,...	Richmond, Va.	Va.	31	591	140	10	48	7	12,955 46	1,980	198	21	16	2,331 64	370 81	520 43	...	4,023 88
Indiana,...	Madison, Ind.	Ind.	33	454	80	6	184	...	13,243 92	848	...	...	...	1,186 50	...	...	95 00	1,281 50
Mississippi,...	Natchez, Miss.	Miss. ...	15	166	68	9	164	6	7,036 34	606	42	1	6	665 50	28 38	29 50	246 00	960 38
Missouri,...	St. Louis, Mo.	Mo.	17	240	68	5	149	5	7,984 10	755	93	5	5	1,533 26	69 00	30 00	233 27	1,567 33
Illinois,...	Springfield, Ill.	Ill.	16	327	...	7	105	4	6,791 76	690	53	1	5	561 64	5 00	...	210 00	776 64
Connecticut,...	New Haven, Conn.	Conn. ...	33	1110	8	65	221	7	24,934 88	3,321	510	11	14	7,062 92	200 55	...	510 00	8,474 92
Tennessee,...	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. ...	20	407	16	8	103	3	11,332 00	810	45	...	2	576 00	...	180 00	50 00	806 00
Texas,...	Houston, Texas.	Texas. ...	3	42	14	1	11	2	804 93	76	4	...	...	118 00	...	...	...	118 00
South Carolina,...	Charleston, S. C.	S. C.	11	232	20	61	133	3	12,026 70	1,531	150	12	6	2,854 75	430 00	224 53	300 00	3,809 28
Alabama,...	Mobile, Ala.	Ala.	9	265	12	2	74	4	9,540 90	568	44	3	6	593 50	100 75	58 50	140 00	892 75
North Carolina,...	Wilmington, N. C.	N. C. ...	7	166	26	10	49	4	4,364 52	450	44	2	...	658 70	89 00	58 50	...	806 20
Georgia,...	Savannah, Ga.	Ga.	11	492	47	3	88	1	13,728 73	1,447	123	3	7	2,027 29	226 00	99 00	324 44	2,676 73
Maine,...	Portland, Me.	Me.	40	1410	50	10	231	2	30,130 44	4,789	436	7	27	6,383 90	81 76	...	833 73	7,304 03
Rhode Island,...	Providence, R. I.	R. I.	13	75	4	5	71	1	14,077 82	1,674	279	2	10	3,129 68	71 62	...	455 00	3,656 30
New Hampshire,...	Concord, N. H.	N. H. ...	19	619	13	6	91	2	8,541 00	1,812	250	4	10	3,285 55	38 00	...	420 00	3,743 04
Wales,...	Tredgar, S. W.	S. W. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan,...	Detroit, Mich.	Mich. ...	15	423	3	...	66	3	7,622 24	992	90	1	4	892 77	15 00	...	120 00	1,027 77
Canada,...	Montreal, Canada.	Canada. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64 30	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin,...	...	...	12	179	27	...	28	...	2,628 75	346	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa,...	...	...	6	92	...	...	15	...	1,349 61	167	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida,...	...	...	2	13	1	...	15	...	474 44	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont,...	...	...	5	11	1	...	12	...	671 52	410	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182 68
			992	32,316 27	13 493	8500	144 708,205 40	90,753	11,349	817	485,154,247 62	15,686 12	3,674 25	22,786 02	197,317 00			

*Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. G
L. of the U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1846.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	Number of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Relief.
G. E. of Maryland,.....	Baltimore,....	Md ,.....	10	235	18	1	\$4,581 90	711	No Rep't.
" New York,.....	New York,...	N. Y.,....	40	564	56	1	9,835 44	1737	\$1,625 10
" Ohio,.....	Cincinnati, ...	Ohio,....	16	114	3	6	2,860 60	458	No Rep't.
" Kentucky,.....	Louisv lle, . . .	Ky.,.....	9	87	10	..	957 48	168	"
" Pennsylvania, ..	Philadelphia, ..	Pa.,.....	46	668	15	2	8,145 55	1523	"
" Virginia,	Portsmouth, ..	Va.,	10	64	...	...	1,405 27	306	"
" Connecticut, ...	New Haven,..	Conn.,....	10	85	4	..	1,442 85	347	"
" New Jersey,....	Newark,.....	N. J.,.....	11	121	8	..	2,074 97	366	"
" South Carolina, ..	Charleston,...	S. C.,	4	48	...	1	987 16	193	"
" Massachusetts, ..	Boston,.....	Mass., ...	15	536	7	1	9,411 86	1268	2,300 37
" Maine.....	Portland,.....	Maine, ...	8	86	...	1	1,581 54	477	No Rep't.
" N. Hampshire, ..	Dover,.....	N. H ,....	5	45	...	..	653 00	234	"
" Missouri,.....	St. Louis,.....	Mo.,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
" Dis. of Columbia	Alexandria, . .	D. of C.,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
" Canada,.....	Montreal,....	Canada,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Columbia,.....	No. 1, Washington,	D. of C.,	4	111	4	..	1,937 18	352	"
Marley.....	" 2, Alexandria,								
Mount Pisgah, ...	" 3, Georgetown,								
Magenenu,.....	" 4, Washington,								
Ridgely,*.....	" †5, "								
Wildey,.....	" 1, N. Orleans,	La.,	3	18	...	...	301 26	69	"
Louisiana,.....	" 2, Bayou Sara,								
Hobah,	" 3, N. Orleans,								
Delaware,.....	" 1, Wilmington,...	Del.,	1	29	1	..	333 95	70	"
Mt. Ararat,.....	" 1, Mobile,	Ala.,	3	48	...	...	982 55	65	"
St. Paul's,.....	" 2, Montgomery								
Black Warrior,...	" 3, Tuscaloosa,								
Wildey,.....	" 1, Natchez,	Miss.,	4	6	...	...	322 50	35	"
Vicksburgh,.....	" 2, Vieksburgh*								
Choctaw,.....	" 3, Jackson,								
Woodville,.....	" 4, Woodville,	Mo.,	3	7	1	..	193 92	61	"
Wildey,	" 1, St. Louis,								
Frontier,.....	" 2, Weston,								
Stewart,.....	" 3, Hannibal,	Tenn.,	5	4	...	...	69 37	16	"
Ridgely,.....	" 1, Nashville,								
Washington,*.....	" 2, Columbia,								
Gayosa,*.....	" 3, Memphis,	N. C.,	4	17	1	..	332 48	78	"
Olive Branch,†....	" 4, Nashville,								
Jackson,†.....	" 5, Franklin,								
Campbell,.....	" 1, Wilmington,	Georgia,	5	38	...	...	746 56	287	"
Bain,.....	" 2, Murfreesb'h								
Pine,*.....	" 3, Fayetteville,								
Calumet,*.....	" 4, Newbern,	Canada	4	133	...	...	1,615 74	138	"
Magnolia,.....	" 1, Savannah,								
Ocmulgee,.....	" 2, Macon,								
Franklin,	" 3, "	Ind.,	7	6	...	...	238 84	47	"
Chattahoochie,...	" 4, Columbus,								
Augusta,.....	" 5, Augusta,								
Hochelaga,.....	" 1, Montreal,	Mich.,	6	52	...	...	857 43	100	"
Stadacona,*.....	" 2, Quebec,								
Royal Mount,....	" 3, Montreal,								
St. Louis,.....	" 4, Quebec,	R. I.,	3	198	...	...	1,928 46	269	"
Wildey,	" 2, Madison,								
Bethlehem,.....	" 3, Aurora,								
Sherlock,.....	" 4, Laurel,	Illinois, ..	1	11	...	...	201 15	34	"
Metropolitan,† ...	" 5, Indianapolis								
Wabash,† ...	" 6, Lafayette,								
Mawshawaka,† ...	" 7, Mashawaka,	Mich.,	6	52	...	...	857 43	100	"
Michigan,.....	" 1, Detroit,								
Marshall,.....	" 2, Marshall,								
Paw-wah-Ting, ...	" 3, Niles,	R. I.,	3	198	...	...	1,928 46	269	"
Lenawee,*.....	" 4, Adrian,								
Wildey,*.....	" 5, Jackson,								
Samaritan,*.....	" 6, Kalamazoo,	Illinois, ..	1	11	...	...	201 15	34	"
Narraganset,.....	" 1, Providence,								
Moshassuck,.....	" 2, "								
Palestine,*.....	" 3, Newport,	Illinois, ..	1	11	...	...	201 15	34	"
Illinois,.....	" 3, Chicago,.....								
			237	3331	128	13	\$53,999 03	9409	

*No report. †Instituted since session. ‡Recently instituted.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES

From D. D. G. Sire Sewell.

MONTREAL, September 12, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Holding the honorable office of your Deputy for the Province of Canada, I proceed to acquaint you with the progress of the Order during the past year. The Encampments generally are in a flourishing condition, and a wholesome discrimination seems to be generally observed, as to who shall be admitted to the high privileges of a Patriarch, thus affording a guarantee for the continuous advancement of the Order in respectability and good repute. The books generally are well kept and the officers of the Encampments exert themselves to carry on the work and advance the principles of the Order with fidelity and energy. Since the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of U. States three additional Encampments have been instituted, viz: 1st. Stadacona Encampment, No. 2. This was instituted at Quebec on the 13th day of last November, by that zealous and worthy Odd-Fellow P. G. Thomas Hardie, who went from here as my deputy. 2d. Royal Mount Encampment, No. 3, instituted in this city by me on the 21st day of March last. 3d. St. Louis Encampment, No. 4, instituted by me at Quebec, on the 9th day of June last.

Having received a proper Dispensation and having seen that the requisite formalities were complied with, on the 3d day of the present month I instituted the Grand Encampment of Canada, and installed the following officers: George Matthews, G. P.; J. Healy, G. H. P.; G. H. Hamilton, G. S. W.; William Hilton, G. S.; H. H. Whitney, G. T.; J. Gilbert, G. J. W.; ———, G. Sen.

In conclusion, I have to assure you that the prospects of the Order are most brilliant, and its position in public opinion every thing that could be desired.

I remain in F., L. and T.,

Your most obedient humble servant,

S. C. SEWELL.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Kellogg.

DETROIT, Michigan, July 31, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In compliance with the regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, requiring D. D. G. Sires to report annually the state of the Order and their official acts within their jurisdiction, I have the honor respectfully to report: That the Patriarchal branch of the Order under my charge in this district has, since my last annual report, been prosperous beyond my most sanguine anticipations, as evidenced by the reports from Camps, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, (with ten per cent. dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States) already transmitted to your office, and also by Dispensations granted by the M. W. Grand Sire for the opening of four Camps within the last eight months, to wit: Paw-Wah-Ting Camp, No. 3, located at Niles, Berrien county, opened by myself, assisted by Patriarchs D. Smart and H. M. Roby, on the 10th February last; Lenawee Camp, No. 4, at the village of Adrian, Lenawee county; Wildey Camp, No. 5, in the village of Jackson, Jackson county; and Samaritan Camp, No. 6, in the village of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county. At the time I received the Dispensations for the three last named Camps, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, it was not possible for me to attend in person to the institution and opening of the same. Receiving through your kindness permission to appoint a deputy I specially deputed P. H. P. Benj. Vernu to open the said Camps. To his prompt and efficient action in the discharge of the trust confided to his care, I am under many obligations. Immediately after his appointment, he proceeded to open the said Camps, the officers elected were installed for the fraction of the term ending June 30th and to the end of the term ending December 30, agreeable to resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, adopted at its last session, regulating the term of Subordinate Lodges and Camps working under its jurisdiction.

Reports are not expected from these Camps until the end of the term for which the officers were installed. I am advised by the officers of each that they are increasing as rapidly in numbers as is desirable for the permanent prosperity of their Camps, and that their first reports will furnish gratifying evidence of their success.

The past and prospective increase of this branch of the Order in this jurisdiction first led to an expression of opinion by many brothers that a Grand Encampment opened in the State would be conducive to the good of the Order; accordingly a convention of delegates from a majority of the Camps assembled in this city, on the 10th inst., and determined to petition the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its annual session in September next, for a Grand Charter for a Grand Encampment to be located at Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county. The petition has been placed in my hands; I hope to have the pleasure of presenting the same at the annual session. Should any unforeseen occurrence prevent my being present, the petition will be forwarded to you, and I would here respectfully express

the hope that the prayer of the petitioners will be granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

I am, sir, very truly and fraternally yours, &c.,

A. S. KELLOGG.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire True, for Vermont.

ALBANY, August 24, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In presenting my annual report of the work of the district under my jurisdiction, it affords me high gratification to announce the great spread and prosperity of the Order over the State. On the 14th of January, 1845, the Order was introduced into this State, by the formation of Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1; now there are five Lodges and one Encampment, all in good hands and doing excellent work.

On the 17th of April, I instituted Windsor Lodge, No. 3, at Windsor, Vermont, and installed its officers as follows, viz: S. E. Robbins, N. G., Lucius Morgan, V. G., and Abner Forbes, Sec. I was assisted in the opening by D. D. G. M. Tolles, of Sullivan Lodge, N. H., and by a party of about twenty of the brethren of that excellent Lodge, who visited Windsor for that occasion; also, by P. G's Reed and Town, of Vermont Lodge, No. 2, whose zeal in our good cause led them some seventy miles over the mountains, to give a greeting to the new Lodge. I feel assured that the brethren, into whose hands the Order is placed at Windsor, will give it that direction which an earnest desire to extend its usefulness and future prosperity will, with prudence, dictate.

On the 4th of June, White River Lodge, No. 4, was instituted at Bethel, Vermont, by P. G. Geo. W. Reed, of Vermont Lodge, No. 2, at my request, assisted by brothers from Nos. 2 and 3, and the following officers were installed for the term, viz: S. B. Mann, N. G., H. N. Smith, V. G., D. C. Blodgett, Sec., and H. H. Palmer, Treas. Bro. Reed reports the prospects of the Lodge to be good, and gives full assurance that it could not have been placed in better hands than in those to whom it has fallen in that place.

On the 14th of July, I had the pleasure of instructing seven brothers in the three Encampment degrees, and assisted by Patriarch O. C. Burroughs, of Horicon Encampment, of Whitehall, N. Y., and D. G. M. S. S. Jones, of Illinois, who lent me valuable aid on the occasion, I instituted Winooski Encampment, No. 1, at Montpelier, the capital of the State. The following Patriarchs were installed officers for the current term: Geo. W. Reed, C. P., Ira. S. Town, H. P., Wm. T. Burnham, S. W., A. A. Cross, Scribe, J. T. Thurston, Treas., C. H. Chamberlain, J. W. The brethren at Montpelier seem determined to press on in the good work, and they promise to give the Patriarchal branch of it an earnest support. It has commenced

in good hands, and I think there is no such word as "fail" in their vocabulary. The intelligent and moral population of Vermont will never let the fraternal councils of an Order, based in Friendship, Love, and Truth, want countenance or support, when they become acquainted with its utility and influence in their cherished principles of industry, probity, and benevolence. And I feel sure that ere long the "crook" will be often found among the green pastures of her thousand hills, and the "tent" be found open in many of her beautiful valleys, where the weary pilgrim will find the true Patriarchal hospitality in its fulness.

I have received a communication from D. G. S. Albert Case, informing me that he opened Uantastequet Lodge, No. 5, at Brattleboro', on the 3d inst. You will receive undoubtedly his report of that work.

I am informed that measures are in progress for the establishment of Lodges at several other points in that state, and also that the incipency for a state Grand Lodge is being arranged, and I hope to hear of the application at the coming session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

In my visits to Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, and Vermont Lodge, No. 2, I was greatly pleased with the manner of their performing their work, and with the interest manifested in the Lodge matters. The attendance was good, the rooms commodious, and the furniture and decorations such as would be expected from so intelligent a brotherhood. The instructions I gave were attentively listened to, and the attentions I received were marked with fraternal courtesy. I trust the time is soon at hand when the D. D. G. Sire of that state will be of her own sons, and that she will need no farther supervision from those without her borders

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

BENJ. C. TRUE.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Guild.

BOSTON, March 23, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

My duty demands of me at this time to make a report of my doings since the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. On the receipt of the Dispensation for opening the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, I soon after proceeded to Concord, the place of location, and instituted the Grand Encampment, installed the officers, &c., a report of which, I believe, has been submitted, and at that time I gave explicit directions to each and every Encampment to make up and forward to me a full report of their doings from the 1st of July to the 20th of September, 1845, without delay; but it would appear, from the dates, that it has taken nearly

six months to get them, and, such as they are, I now forward to you, together with the per centage, amounting to \$8.26, viz: Nashoonow Encampment, No. 1, \$2.00; Wonolanset Encampment, No. 2, 1.06; Penecoke Encampment, No. 3, 1.00; Quocheco Encampment, No. 4, 2.00; Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, 2.20; total, \$8.26; Palestine Encampment Charter, \$30.00; Oregon City Lodge Charter, 30.00; total, \$60.00—making in all, \$68.26.

I received the Dispensation, Books, &c. for opening an Encampment in Newport, R. I., and on the 16th day of October, 1845, instituted Palestine Encampment, No. 3, in Newport, after which the following officers were elected and installed: Wm. H. Cranston, C. P.; John W. Davis, Jr., H. P.; Daniel T. Snimkurne, S. W.; Samuel B. Wescott, S.; Gideon Palmer, T.; Elisha S. Kinyon, J. W.; John E. Gaff, G.

About the 15th of February last, P. G. Gilbert Watson and three other brothers, members of the I. O. of O. F., whose names you will find on the Petition, applied to me for a Dispensation to open a Lodge in Oregon City, and Territory of Oregon, and on the assurance that they had made application to the Grand Sire and also to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and that they had been referred by both of those officers to me, stating that any arrangement I thought proper to make would be satisfactory to them, I accordingly granted a Dispensation for opening said Lodge by the name of Oregon City Lodge, No. 1, to be located in the city of Oregon and Territory of Oregon, provided this Dispensation should be confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session. I also appointed P. G. Gilbert Watson as D. D. G. Master for the District of Oregon, for the term of one year unless previously revoked by the Grand Sire. I borrowed four books and one institution book from our Grand Lodge to furnish them with, as the time was so short before they were to sail for Oregon (they then being residents of Newburyport, Massachusetts,) that I had not time to send to Baltimore. I also gave authority for the name of Dr. White to be added as one of the petitioners, he being a resident of Oregon and a member of the Order.

Please credit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts with the five books which will be just as well as though the books were sent. If all this suits your views, I shall be much pleased, and doubt not but that it will be a branch that will do credit to the Order.

Dr. Watson is a very worthy man, and was a member of the Grand Lodge, and also the Grand Encampment, of Massachusetts; we have full confidence in him here.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the money, and also your opinion of the project of establishing a branch of the Order in Oregon.

Very respectfully, yours fraternally

ALBERT GUILD.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Wood.

PROVIDENCE, August 27, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have inclosed, in a parcel addressed to you through Harnden's Express, the reports necessary for your inspection, from the State of Rhode Island, both from our Encampments and our Subordinate Lodges.

During the past term of six months, Narragansett Encampment, No. 1, has admitted to membership twenty-four, and her whole number of contributing members is one hundred and twenty-six.

Mashasuck, No. 2, has admitted during the last term seventy-three members, and her whole number is one hundred and thirty-three.

For particulars, I refer you to reports.

I am sorry to have no returns to offer from Palestine Encampment, No. 3. The hall they at present occupy is not adapted for the convenient work of the Camp, and their new one is not yet quite ready, but they calculate to dedicate it in two or three weeks, and at the end of the next term I trust our Newport brethren will render a good account of themselves.

The new work of the Patriarchal branch of our Order is admirably calculated to interest the feelings and enlist the co-operation of the members of our fraternity, while the moral lessons inculcated therein produce a lasting and beneficial effect.

I have no doubt you will rejoice with us in the prosperity of our Order generally throughout the borders of our little State. Since our last report, we have added by initiations seven hundred and fifty-nine members, and instituted — new Lodges, making in all thirteen Lodges, with sixteen hundred and seventy-nine contributing members, "*good men and true.*" The revenue for the past year amounts (in the Subordinate Lodges only) to the sum of fourteen thousand and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-two cents. Paid for relief, three thousand six hundred and fifty-six dollars and thirty cents.

You are well aware of the struggles we have had to make in this State in order to establish Odd-Fellowship on a secure and permanent basis, and the above results will show with what success we have eventually been blest; our most sanguine hopes have been more than realized; comment is unnecessary. May God still grant us His guidance, and lead us on in harmony and prosperity.

On the 28th of June last, I received a communication from a Committee of the City Council, inviting the Patriarchal branch of our Order to join in the municipal celebration of Independence, and as this is the first instance of our having been recognised as an association by that body, I gladly availed myself of the opportunity of consulting with the Encampments, who cheerfully accepted the invitation. The day was beautiful, and the turnout very imposing;—about one hundred and fifty Patriarchs, in tasteful and elegant regalia, with banner and music, and about four hundred and fifty from

Subordinate Lodges, in full regalia, with banners and music, making altogether the best celebration ever held in the city of Providence.

After the procession, the officers and members of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, with their invited guests, the officers and brethren of Stonington Lodge, No. —, of Stonington, Conn., together with the past and present officers of the various Lodges represented, proceeded to the Fockwotten House, accompanied by the Stonington Brass Band, who enlivened the streets with their excellent performance. Brother Ross had prepared a most sumptuous dinner, the getting up of which entitles him to great credit, and to which ample justice was done both by word and deed.

After dinner, speech, sentiment, and song, were freely circulated, Grand Master Asa W. Davies, filling the chair in a masterly manner. The day passed over in such a way as to draw around us yet more closely the bonds of holy brotherhood in which we are united.

Our brethren from Stonington took their departure in the evening train of cars for "Home, sweet Home," highly gratified with their day's excursion:

"Happy to meet, happy to part, and happy to meet again."

I have collected all the *old books* of the Work of the Order. What disposition shall I make of them? Shall I call a committee, and burn them, or bring them on to Baltimore?

The following amount of money I have enclosed in the parcel containing the reports, and will forward it by to-morrow's express, viz:—For Diplomas, \$75.00; Rep. Tax, 1846, 20.00; total, \$95.00; Narragansett Encampment, No. 1, per centage, \$37.75; Mashasuck, No. 2, do., 85.22; total \$122.97—making in all \$217.97.

I have been waiting some time to get the account per books, and am afraid my report will be too late if I defer longer. I will settle the balance when I come on.

I remain, dear sir, fraternally yours,

In bonds of F., L. and T.,

JAMES WOOD.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Croswell.

NEW HAVEN, September 15, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I transmit herewith the returns of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. They have been delayed in consequence of some of the Subordinate Lodges neglecting to make their returns in due season. Those of the Grand Encampment, I am informed, have been already forwarded.

The Order has never been in a more flourishing condition in Connecticut than it is at the present time. The prejudice that at first

existed against it is fast disappearing. Our Grand Lodge was incorporated by the Legislature in 1845; and twelve new Lodges (more than one-third of the whole number) have been instituted during the past year.

The revised work, so far as I can ascertain, is generally approved, especially that of the Encampment, which branch of the Order has been unquestionably benefited by the change.

With the greatest esteem,

I am, your friend and brother,

FRED. CROSWELL.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire McGowan.

NEW YORK, July 23, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In conformity with the duties of my appointment, I respectfully transmit a statement of the condition of the Order within this jurisdiction, as near as could be ascertained, since the close of the fiscal year. The prosperity which has attended the Order in New York of late years, still continues with unabating vigor; the doors of our Lodges are eagerly sought by all classes, whose standing in society, and our own regulations point out as men willing to engage in the pleasant duties necessarily incumbent upon the practices of the motto of the Order, "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Since the last annual report of the Grand Lodge of New York, there has been chartered and instituted seventy-two Subordinates, and an increase in the constituency of about six thousand members.

The Patriarchal branch has also correspondingly increased since last report of the Grand Encampment; it now numbers forty Subordinates, with a membership in proportion.

On account of the perfect system by which the Order in New York is conducted by the bodies having jurisdiction therein, the duties of the office of D. D. Grand Sire, so far as relates to the Work of the Order, are but little needed, but where such a large constituency is, with a knowledge of its sectional feelings, a fair opportunity is given for consideration, and it becomes a duty on all to examine and ascertain whether the course now pursued by which State Grand Lodges and Encampments are governed by laws of their own creation will eventually be for the benefit of the Order at large. If we look at the laws of the several jurisdictions, we find them conflicting. The laws of one are repudiated in another, no member is able to ascertain by the present system what are the principles by which the Order as a body is governed; the Grand Lodge of the United States, on an appeal from a State Subordinate has no general law to refer to for a decision, but decides generally as the case may be pre-

sented by those most interested, though sometimes by what may be the law of the jurisdiction in opposition to sound reason.

It is now almost universally admitted that the plan adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, while the Order was in its infancy, in giving its Subordinates General Laws; and further improved by the Grand Lodge of New York in furnishing a Constitution for the Subordinates, as the only proper course by which uniformity in their government can be produced and maintained.

Upon the same principle, now being adopted by the several Grand Lodges and Encampments for the government of their Subordinates, should the Grand Lodge of the United States act toward the State Grand Lodges and Encampments immediately subordinate to it, in furnishing them with a code of Laws regulating the legislation as well as the principles of their government, such a course would enable every brother to be in possession, no matter where he was from, of what were the laws of the Institution, but also, of his own rights and privileges; and I would here mention that cases often occur in this city with brothers from other jurisdictions, who find themselves cut off from participating in the benefits of the Order on account of the difference in the laws of the several jurisdictions.

With these views, and believing that the welfare of our beloved institution would be greatly enhanced, its principles appreciated, and its perpetuity established, I would most respectfully suggest, if agreeable to your own views, that the propriety of framing General Laws, whereby uniformity throughout the entire jurisdiction may be secured, be laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the coming session, for its consideration.

Yours truly,

CHAS. MCGOWAN.

TO THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Stokes.

PHILADELPHIA, September 12, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In submitting to you my annual report, it affords me much pleasure to state, that under the dispensation of an all-wise and good Providence, the Order, in this jurisdiction, has been permitted to continue in its usefulness, and its members and officers have been enabled to report to you that, during the last year their numbers have been almost doubled, and I think I may safely say to you that the increase has not been more rapid than healthful. Great care appears at all times, to be exercised by those connected with the administration of the Order in this state, and the language to the brotherhood has been, that the quality, rather than the quantity of members is their great desire; and while the Subordinate Lodges seem determined to adhere to the first, I am well satisfied that it

has been the principal cause of the continued increase and prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction. We have had, in some sections of our state, strong opposition to the existence and continuance of our Order, which has, in very many instances, amounted almost to persecution; so much so, that some of the timid of the Order have rather shrunk from the promulgation of its principles in their presence, which cause will invariably give to the enemies of the Order advantages that their own ignorance and malignity prompts them to take; but we are ready to proclaim, that by the observance of the principles inculcated by our time-honored institution, we have been enabled, silently to live down much of that opposition, and our altars have been raised where the voice of opposition was heard the loudest and the longest, and the conduct and character of those that have been entrusted with the keeping and diffusing of the tenets and its principles, that instead of persecution there is a manifest disposition to crowd around our altars and seek the fraternal favors of the vast brotherhood, whose benefits is being seen and felt wherever its standard has been planted, for the continuation of which we all labor, I trust, with a zeal not unbecoming or unworthy the great cause we are engaged in. The new work of the Order was received in this state with much favor, and no time or pains was spared by the officers of this jurisdiction to give it timely and uniform effect. The patriarchal branch of the Order has, within the last year, increased without a parallel in its history, here numbering at this time 46 Subordinate Encampments, in successful operation, with a constituency of 1523 members, which enables it to appear in the Grand Lodge of the United States with an additional representative at the approaching session.

The Report of the R. W. G. Secretary of this state to the Grand Lodge of the United States, shows that we have 182 Lodges in operation, a large number of which (72 new Lodges and 8 charters restored) have been chartered within the last year. The number of members in the state to be 15,629, and with a revenue amounting to nearly one hundred thousand dollars; while his Relief report exhibits to you the fact that Odd-Fellowship is properly understood, and that continued efforts are made to practise its beautiful precepts.

The Order in the City and County of Philadelphia have, within the last year, erected two halls for their better accommodation. One in the southern part, of suitable dimensions, and fitted up with much taste for the accommodation of the Lodges in that section, which reflects much credit upon them for the effort, and their united means have enabled them to finish it without embarrassment. In the City, they have erected a hall that may be said to be truly an ornament to the place; it is large, commodious, and of beautiful exterior, reflecting much credit upon the architect, while the interior is fitted up in a chaste and superior style, affording accommodations for 42 Lodges and Encampments, besides the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampments of the state, with a large saloon for the accommodation of public assemblies, second to none in the city, with stores underneath,

and a basement under the whole, fitted up in a very superior style, and intended as a refectory; and every Lodge-room for each evening in the week is at this time engaged. Much credit is due the brotherhood for the manner in which they have prosecuted this work, and I am happy to state that their resources will be abundant for the final consummation of their engagements without inconvenience or embarrassment, and leave a monument every way worthy of its projectors and creditable to the Order, and which is to be dedicated on the 17th of this month, with becoming ceremonies, to the heaven-born principles of our Order, Friendship, Love and Truth; and may it continue for the great purposes of Odd-Fellowship as long as universal Benevolence and Charity continue to be a virtue. The Order in the northern part of the County have also purchased a lot and contracted for the erection of a hall, which will be but little inferior to the latter; the cellar is nearly squared up, and the corner stone of which is to be laid with appropriate ceremonies on the 16th of this month; the number of the Lodges, with their abundant means, is a sufficient guarantee for the final completion of that work. The most flattering reports are received from all the districts in this state. The financial affairs have not been under my charge, the reports of the officer having that duty to perform will be submitted to you.

With consideration of regard,

I am very respectfully yours,

J. W. STOKES.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Marley

BALTIMORE, August 20, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am, by the commission I have the honor to hold, required to report to you my acts and doings, and also the prospects and condition of the Order in the state of Maryland.

You are aware of the very limited field of operation for a D. D. G. S., in a state where a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment are organized, consequently my report will only occupy the same limits.

I have the gratification to state that the Order in Maryland is in a very flourishing condition, except in those portions of the state where the population is so sparse as to preclude even a hope of healthful success; in every other part of the state, however, her increase has been regular, and of such a character as will insure stability, usefulness, and honor to the fraternity. A disposition prevails to revert to first principles; this I consider the most healthy and the most valuable feature in her operations during the year, and I indulge the hope of gradual improvement until uniformity in work, in principles, and in laws will again be the characteristic of Maryland.

There have been four Lodges and two Encampments chartered during the past year, and two Lodges resuscitated.

There have been 1,439 initiated. There are in the state 4,854 contributing members. The amount of Lodge receipts for the year, \$30,625.80. Contributions to school fund, \$1,587.39.

The amount contributed to the clothing fund I have not had the opportunity of ascertaining, nor the amount contributed out of the City of Baltimore, which is no doubt considerable, as most of the Lodges have a distinct fund for education, and for the clothing of the orphans, and also for the special relief of the widows, under circumstances not embraced in those provisions of the by-laws usually denominated benefits. I believe I have given all the information of any value in a report of this kind that I possess,

And am, sir, yours in F., L. & T.

RICH'D MARLEY.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Moore.

WASHINGTON, August 17, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

A delay in the preparation of the Grand Lodge report, and my desire to lay before you a view of all the doings of the Order within this district for the past year, have caused my annual letter to be a few days later than usual. I now prepare it hastily, in order to avail myself of the first mail to your city after being put in possession of a transcript of the report above mentioned.

All the information necessary to a correct understanding of the progress of Odd-Fellowship within this jurisdiction, during the year which terminated on the 30th of June, will be found embodied in the summary below; from which you will perceive that, however prosperous the Order may have been in other places, this district, in proportion to its population, is not much behind them in forwarding the good work. I commence with—

The Business of the Encampments.—Initiated 111; admitted by card 24; reinstated 7; withdrawn 30; suspended 4; rejected 4; deaths 1; whole number of members 352; revenue \$1957.18.

Magenenu Camp was opened towards the close of the year, and went into operation on the 1st of January last. Her principal officers were Samuel L. Harris, C. P., and James T. King, H. P.

The following are the names of the principal officers of the other Encampments, the two first named being, in each case, the C. P's, the other two the H. P's.

Columbian: L. A. Gobright, Jos. W. Henderson, Wm. Whitney, Jos. M. Pearson. *Marley:* H. F. Zimmerman, Edw. S. Hough, Henry Criss, James H. DeVaughn. *Mount Pisgah:* Levin Jones, Thomas Jewell, Wm. B. Magruder, F. A. Lutz.

In April last I instituted at Alexandria, in due form, the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, and installed the following brethren as the officers for the first year: William Towers, G. Patriarch; L. A. Gobright, G. H. P.; John T. Clements, G. S. W.; John W. Hodgson, G. J. W.; Charles Calvert, G. Scribe; Wm. G. Deale, G. Treas.; Jas. H. DeVaughn, G. Sentinel.

Business of the Subordinate Lodges.—Initiated 364; rejected 34; admitted by card 100; withdrawn by card 120; reinstated 28; suspended 95; expelled 3; deaths 6; whole number of members 1399; relief granted \$3,068.00; revenue of the year \$9,006.11.

Metropolis, Excelsior, and Mechanics' Lodges, have all been opened within the last few months, and are in a promising condition; and, since the 30th of June, another new Lodge, under the title of "Oriental," has been instituted under very favorable auspices. It is located in Washington.

Thus you have, in as brief a space as I can easily compress it, the most interesting statistics connected with the progress of the Order in this district for the year ending with the 30th of June last, giving renewed assurance of its stability and future usefulness.

Respectfully and fraternally yours, &c.,

WM. W. MOORE.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Williams.

COLUMBUS, Geo., September 4, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I regret that I have not been able to make my report for the last term earlier, but have only within a day past received the return of one of the Encampments, for which I have been waiting. I have but little to add to what I communicated to you in my last report. The march of Odd-Fellowship in this state is not as rapid as I learn it is in other places, but it is steady and unfaltering, and I apprehend the material is such that we may rely, with great confidence, upon good results in future. The Encampment at Jacksonville, Florida, has not been opened. Before the warrant was received, the weather had become very warm, and I could not feel myself justified in performing a journey to that place, five hundred miles distant from my residence, for that purpose. I therefore engaged the services of a qualified brother at Savannah, to perform the duty, who has informed me that several of the applicants for the Encampment had left for the north, and preferred that it should not be opened until their return home. An application for an Encampment charter, for Flint Encampment, at Albany, has been forwarded to you with the fees, which when opened, will without doubt do well.

The Encampment reports do not furnish me with the data to ena-

ble me to make a full annual report. I therefore will here state, as far as they show, that the revenue for the year ending first July, was \$1,398 21, and the number of Encampment members 287.

I have distributed a portion of the cards which you sent me, and have received a number of cards, not countersigned, which I will forward the first opportunity, with a statement in relation thereto. The amount remitted, by my last report, for cards was \$7 80—the balance, if any, and old cards shall be sent soon.

Having performed the duties incumbent upon me, I beg that the office which I have held under the appointment of the M. W. G. Sire of the United States, may be conferred upon some brother who has more leisure time to devote to it.

Affectionately and truly yours in F., L. and T.

WILEY WILLIAMS.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Williamson.

MOBILE, April 8, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The undersigned asks leave to report as follows: on the 22d of November, 1845, I repaired to Tuskalooza, and by authority of the Grand Sire, and in virtue of a Charter granted for that purpose, opened and instituted Black Warrior Encampment, No. 3, of Alabama. The following officers were duly installed: John McCormick, C. P.; Wm. Miller, H. P.; Thos. Maxwell, S. W.; Joel While, Scribe; Thos. Miller, Treasurer; Daniel Cribbs, J. W.

On Thursday, January 29th, 1846, I repaired to Montgomery, and there opened and installed St. Paul's Encampment, No. 2, of Alabama. The following were the officers installed: John W. Gordon, C. P.; H. W. Cater, H. P.; P. C. Smith, S. W.; L. B. Pope, Scribe; George A. Crane, Treasurer; J. H. Paul, J. W.

Both the above Encampments were opened under the most flattering auspices, and promise much for the Patriarchal Order in this State.

On Friday, January 9th, 1846, I visited Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 1, and installed the following officers: John Grove, C. P.; E. Salomon, H. P.; S. Davidson, S. W.; Thos. Turnbull, Scribe; R. Cowan, Treasurer; J. Steikes, J. W.; Geo. Cullum, Guardian.

Accompanying this please find the returns of Mount Ararat, No. 1, and Black Warrior, No. 3, which have come to hand. St. Paul's, No. 2, was not opened until the commencement of the present term, and from her no returns are yet due.

I have caused the new Work to be introduced, and it is now practised in all the Encampments in this jurisdiction.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of this office: Black Warrior Encampment, No. 3, cr. by cash as per

return for term ending January 1st, 1846, \$18.30: Mount Ararat, No. 1, by cash for do. as per return, \$5.93; total \$24.23; paid Mount Ararat, No. 1, for one set of Books for Black Warrior, No. 3, \$3.00; balance \$21.23.

Respectfully submitted,

I. D. WILLIAMSON.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

N. B. The Grand Sire could not furnish the Books for the "Camp" at Tuscaloosa, and I procured a set from Mount Ararat. The above amount of \$21.23 is in my hands and waits your order; I cannot purchase a draft on any Northern city, for so small an amount, nor have I been able to find Bills current in Baltimore. I go to Cincinnati in about two weeks, and can hand it to the Grand Sire, or forward it in any way you may direct.

The Box of Books for the Encampment and the Grand Lodge came safe to hand.

From D. D. G. Sire Coleman.

NEW YORK, September 17, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I hand you report of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, to 30th June last, by which you observe that she appears now in a prosperous condition, having forty-five contributing members—which is an increase—and it affords me much pleasure to state that the members are becoming more zealous in the work, and there is every prospect now of a much greater increase of numbers within the next term. The officers elected and installed give assurances that nothing shall be wanting on their part to insure her success, and my personal knowledge of the individuals, is a satisfactory evidence to me that her work will prove creditable to the Order.

A report from "Hobah Encampment," No. 3, is also favorable from the short period of her existence. The great delay in instituting this branch was caused by not receiving the new work, until a period when some of the applicants were absent, and consequently the lateness of the season, and the departure from the city of many citizens and members, has caused very many to defer becoming members until their return to the city in the fall. The officers and members are sufficient guarantee for the usefulness of their Encampment. Her report is made at my request, although the first term of her officers will expire on the 30th day of December next.

Jerusalem Encampment, at Bayou Sara, has not forwarded her report to me; or if so, it has not reached its destination. Sufficient information has been received, which warrants me in expressing a favorable opinion of her working, having been for a long time inoperative until within a few months, when she was resuscitated and bids fair to do her duty.

The Encampments have all been placed in possession of the new work, and a full return will be made of the "old work and cards" returned, and instructions for you to *value upon me at sight*, for the balance due. This will be done at once on my return to New Orleans early in October, and would have been done long ere this but for the delay (unavoidable) in collecting the old work, &c.

The R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has undoubtedly presented you with the annual report, by which you will notice the growth of the Order, almost unequalled by any other State. The march of Odd-Fellowship is onward, and nothing can check this great tide of her prosperity.

On my return to New Orleans, you will again receive the report of

Yours, very truly, in F., E. and T.,

A. B. COLEMAN.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Allen.

ST. LOUIS, August 4, 1846

Dear Sir and Brother:

Agreeable to the requisition of the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I have the honor to submit to you a brief report of my acts up to the present period

In conformity with the passage of a resolution at the September session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1845, granting a warrant for a Grand Encampment for the State of Missouri, I received from the Grand Corresponding Secretary that document, and organised the Grand Encampment in due form; the officers for the current year are: G. B. Allen, G. P.; E. F. MacDonough, G. H. P.; M. C. Corley, G. S. W.; James Johnson, G. S.; E. H. Shephard, G. T.; Theo. Betts, G. J. W.; W. Osborne, G. Sen.

Early in February of this year, I had the pleasure of receiving that fine monument of genius and ability the "Revised Lectures and Charges," a work which for beauty of language and design cannot in my opinion be surpassed. I distributed the books as directed by Bro. Ridgely.

On the 20th of March, I forwarded to the Grand Corresponding Secretary an application from fifteen Scarlet Members, residing in Quincy, Illinois, for a Dispensation to open an Encampment at that place, and having received it in due course of time, I proceeded there, accompanied by Patriarchs E. F. MacDonough, J. Forbes and A. T. Hilbert, of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, St. Louis. Assisted by the brethren who had kindly accompanied me, I conferred the degrees on eight of the petitioners, and installed into office Thomas Elms, Jr., C. P.; Charles Green, H. P.; J. A. Sweezy, S. W.; Ethan Allen, Jr., Scribe; J. D. Griffin, Treasurer; Thos. H. Goodall, J. W. From the high character and standing of the members composing this En-

campment, I have the highest expectations of its usefulness and success.

On the 2d of July, I proceeded to Bellville, Illinois, accompanied by Patriarch Corley, to organise Neilson Encampment, No. 5, under a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Sire, a petition having been forwarded by me to that effect; we found the petitioners in readiness, and having conferred the Patriarchal Degrees on eight of them I delivered the dispensation and installed into office, O. G. Y. Taylor, C. P.; J. Goforth, H. P.; G. W. Hook, S. W.; W. M. Parker, Scribe; James Gibbin, Treasurer; T. Williams, S. W.; L. Hughes, Sentinel. It affords me much pleasure to state that the Camp is in safe hands, and the members every way worthy of the high trust reposed in them.

The Lodges throughout this state are in a very favorable condition; three additional ones have been chartered during the past quarter, making in all seventeen. The new system of limited representation upon which our Grand Lodge is based, has realised our highest expectations, every branch of the Order works harmoniously and for the general good.

Our new Hall will be completed about the first of October, at which time we propose dedicating it.

The Encampment branch does not increase throughout the state, with that rapidity which its high merits entitle it to; in this city, however, it is in a most flourishing condition.

Our Order in Illinois is increasing very fast; the members seem to have awakened to a proper sense of duties and are using active measures to place the institution in its proper position.

With sentiments of esteem,

I have the honor to be, fraternally yours,

GERARD B. ALLEN.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Potts.

GALENA, August 25, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In compliance with the requisition of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I herewith transmit my annual report, with a statement of my official acts, and the condition of the Order in my district.

Soon after the reception of the first supply of the revised work, I proceeded on a tour through western Wisconsin and Iowa Territories, to distribute to the different Lodges (working under a charter from the G. Lodge of U. States) the number of books to which they were entitled, and embraced this opportunity to give instructions and directions in the work of the Order, which I found was highly necessary.

In consequence of the deficiency in the supply, the Lodges in the southern part of Iowa did not receive it until some time afterwards. It gives me great pleasure to state that the Order in my district is in a highly flourishing and healthy condition.

Having received a dispensation to institute and open Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, in the town of Bloomington, Territory of Iowa, I journeyed there by land, in company with P. G. Davis, of Dubuque, (which occupied five days, very wet, cold and disagreeable travelling,) and arrived there on the evening of the 22d March. Immediately on my arrival, I assembled the petitioners, and finding a brother among them, named Aaron W. Pitts, who had been expelled by 'Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, of St. Louis, Missouri, and also another one, who had been guilty of a swindling transaction, which came to my knowledge, in my official capacity as Justice of the Peace, and although they were both in possession of their cards, I deemed it my duty to erase their names from the dispensation, and insert the names of two worthy brothers, viz: Joseph Bridgeman and John T. B. Martin, in their place. On the next day I opened and constituted them a Lodge, installed the officers and conferred all the degrees to qualify the officers to fill their respective chairs, and at night assisted at the initiation of some six or seven applicants, in order to make them thoroughly conversant with the revised work. The names of the officers elected and installed are, E. H. Albee, N. G., Richard Cadle, V. G., Hosea Johns, Sec'y., and Pliny Fay, Treasurer. I herewith forward the report of the first quarter, together with the per centage due G. L., from which it will be perceived they have done exceedingly well, having initiated twenty-four, and rejected four, they are very cautious and circumspect in receiving members. I also received a dispensation to institute Lilly of the Mound Lodge, No. 6, to be located at Platteville, in the Territory of Wisconsin. Soon after its reception, when the necessary books arrived, in company with P. G. Robertson, proceeded there and found the petitioners anxiously awaiting me. I immediately assembled them and finding all correct, commenced constituting them a Lodge according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and installed their officers, and remained with them until the next day, giving instructions, assisting at initiations, &c. &c. By reference to the report forwarded Aug. 5th, inst., the Lodge has done remarkably well, when it is taken into consideration that it is located in the very hot bed of anti-Masonry and anti-Odd-Fellowship. The names of the officers elected and installed, are John W. Bayse, N. G., Edward Symmes, V. G., A. M. Holliday, Sec'y., J. L. Marsh, P. Sec'y., and Isaac L. Hodges, Treasurer.

A dispensation having been sent some time in the spring of 1845, to D. G. Sire Wm. S. Stewart, of St. Louis, Missouri, *for him personally*, to institute Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, at Fairfield, Iowa Territory; and from circumstances that occurred in relation thereto, of which you have been made acquainted, it was not done by that officer. I was requested by the Most Worthy Grand Sire Sherlock, in

accordance with the wishes of the petitioners, in order to save them expense, to authorize some worthy P. G. near them to open and institute the Lodge. I accordingly authorized P. G. M. Wm. H. Mauro, of Burlington, Iowa, to perform that duty; and by letter dated March 19th, 1846, he informs me that Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, was opened by him, assisted by P. G. Mansley, of Burlington, and several brothers from Keosauqua, on the 10th of March, 1846. The following are the names of the officers elected and installed: Wm. J. Cooper, N. G., Thomas D. Evans, V. G., Wm. L. Orr, Sec'y., and Cornelius Reiffer, Treasurer. He further states, "it is a source of much pleasure to add, that from the high character of the members composing it, there is every reason to look for the prosperity of this Lodge." Subsequent events prove the truth of his prediction, for notwithstanding the delay produced from the cause mentioned, on inspection of their quarterly report it will be perceived they have done a good business.

In the latter part of the month of May, I received from the M. W. G. Sire a dispensation to institute and organize an Encampment of Patriarchs in the City of Galena, Illinois, to be hailed and known as Lead Mine Encampment, No. —, which Encampment was duly opened by me, and constituted a legal Encampment of Patriarchs. The officers elected and installed are, A. D. Robertson, C. P., F. G. Schwatka, H. P., Almond Leach, S. W., Henry Marfield, J. W., John G. Potts, Treasurer, and D. R. Henckle, Scribe.

The Order in this northwest section of the U. States is progressing rapidly and unprecedentedly for so sparse a population; and, what is truly gratifying, the very best and most respectable inhabitants are the recipients of its benign favors. I have delayed forwarding my report until the present, in the hope that I should be in possession of the reports and dues of all the Lodges in my district. I have to report only two delinquents, viz: Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, and Washington Lodge, No. 1; the former two quarters, and the latter one quarter. I have nothing more to add except to say, that the district confided to my care is too large, it having seven Subordinate Lodges, and one Encampment, scattered over the space of five hundred miles. The amount of labor, time, expense, and correspondence, attendant on the faithful discharge of the duties of the office is very considerable, and I hope the sphere of my action will be lessened, by the granting a charter for a Grand Lodge to Iowa, this session.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN G. POTTS.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Brown.

Dear Sir and Brother:

INDIANA, Sept. 20, 1846.

The undersigned, R. W. D. D. G. Sire for the District of Indiana, would respectfully report, that all the Encampments in his district

are in a healthy and prosperous condition, that the per centage due by said Encampments to the Grand Lodge of the United States accompanies this report.

I also report, that on or about the 20th day of April, 1846, I received a petition from Pats. H. D. Johnson, G. R. Warren, John Kirk, J. M. Hiatt, W. A. Pattison, John W. Sullivan and Thomas White, for an Encampment at Laurel, Indiana, which was instituted by me in due and regular form on the 3d day of June, 1846, by dispensation granted them by me for that purpose, which Encampment is to be hailed and known as Sherlock Encampment, No. 4; and that on the 20th day of July, 1846, I received a petition from Pats. Benj. B. Taylor, J. P. Chapman, W. B. Preston, A. C. Christfield, E. Hedderly, John H. Taylor and G. R. Warren, for an Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana, which was instituted by me on the same day in due and regular form, and is to be hailed and known as Metropolitan Encampment, No. 5, Indiana, and which was also done by dispensation granted by me for that purpose; and that on or about the 10th day of March, 1846, I received a petition from Patriarchs Joel B. McFarland, Philander B. Brown, Timothy Danie, Alexander M. Gordon, John Green, A. Franklin Chapin and G. R. Warren, for an Encampment at Lafayette, Indiana, which was instituted by me in due and regular form on the 24th day of July, 1846, by dispensation granted them by me for that purpose, and is to be hailed and known as Wabash Encampment, No. 6, Indiana; all of which were opened under very favorable circumstances and bid fair to exert great influence for the good of our beloved Order, in the places where they have been established.

Since the foregoing Encampments were opened, I have learned that I had no power to grant dispensations for instituting Encampments; and I have written to the Encampments to suspend operations until the action of the Grand Lodge can be had on their several cases.

The amount received by me for Dispensations for said Encampments is \$90.00; Books for same \$18.00; Books for Bethlehem and Wildey Camps \$12.00; Per Centage from Bethlehem Camp \$9.70; Per Centage from Wildey Camp \$8.51; total \$138.21; from which deduct freight and drayage on Books and postages \$3.21; amount forwarded \$135.00.

I also send the petitions with the cards of the applicants for said Encampments, and recommend the granting of Charters to them.

Hoping the Grand Lodge will overlook the error committed by me, sanction the same if possible, and grant the Charters,

I am truly yours,

GEORGE BROWN.

TO THOMAS SHERLOCK Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Blain.

COLUMBUS, O., September 8, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Owing to a severe attack of illness, I have been delayed several days from attending to this duty. I am happy to state that our beloved Order is flourishing in Ohio. The increase has not been as rapid as in some few states, but I presume it is owing to the great care in receiving members. Every Lodge is *progressing*, and the prospect before us is becoming still more bright for extending the sphere of usefulness.

I will now proceed and give the statistics of the increase, &c., for the past six months.—Initiations, 1,172; rejections, 196; admitted by card, 145; withdrawn by card, 266; reinstated, 16; suspended, 53; expulsions, 39; deaths, 15; past grands, 613; members, 5,111; amount of receipts, \$25,372 60.

Relief Report —Number of brothers relieved, 339; number of widowed families relieved, 57; number of brothers buried, 15; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$3,911 10; paid for relief of widowed families, \$321 40; paid for burying the dead, \$332; total expended in relief, \$4,564 50.

The Patriarchal branch of the Order is also doing extremely well. There are now sixteen Subordinate Encampments in Ohio, with a constituency of over five hundred members. I am unable to go into detail, as the necessary information has not been furnished me. This beautiful branch of the Order, however, I am aware is gaining rapidly. It is firmly based, and every day it is more thought of.

The whole Order in this state is in a most healthy condition; it could not be more so, and although we do not number an increase with some states, we know that we are doing a *safe business*, and not liable to being buffeted about by the waves of popular opinion.

Yours, respectfully, in F., L. and T.

JOHN T. BLAIN.

TO JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From D. D. G. Sire Holmes.

TRENTON, N. J., July 17, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In compliance with my duty as D. D. G. Sire of N. Jersey, I herewith transmit to you this my annual report.

Nothing has occurred within my jurisdiction during the present year to call for any interference on my part as D. Deputy. Peace, harmony and prosperity continue to smile upon us. We number forty-two Subordinate Lodges, and twelve Subordinate Encampments, with a heavy increase of members. The very efficient

Grand Officers of this state almost preclude the necessity of a D. Deputy, consequently I have nothing to report except that all is right, and that the new work is in full and successful operation, and gives universal satisfaction.

Sickness has prevented an earlier report and shortens this.

Yours, in F., L. and T.

MARSHALL C. HOLMES.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

D. D. G. Sire Hinkle

LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 3, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The time has arrived for me to make my report to you in regard to the state of the Order in Kentucky. It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure, that I inform you that Odd-Fellowship has and continues to flourish in this State. During the past year there were eight new Lodges instituted, and two hundred and fifty initiated; admitted by card fifty; reinstated twenty; total increase three hundred and twenty; making the whole number of members in the state one thousand one hundred and forty seven. There were during the year five deaths; three expulsions; and nine suspensions.

Revenue \$5,746.50.

New zeal and energy animated the brethren to a faithful performance of the trust in them reposed; I have travelled over the state during the present year, and was pleased to find that there was much accuracy in the administration of the affairs of the Order.

The Grand Lodge during the past year has adopted new Laws, and in their execution much benefit results to the Subordinates. The new work has been for some time in successful operation, and thus far meets with general commendation.

In regard to the Camp department of the Order, there has been six Encampments organised in this state since January last; the increase during the last year has nearly doubled the number of members, and much credit is due the efficient officers of that department of the Order, for the prosperous condition of the Patriarchal branch in this jurisdiction.

This year the Grand Lodge and Encampment send as Representatives two of their members, qualified to reflect honor and credit upon the elevated positions in which they have been placed by the suffrages of their brethren.

With this flattering exposition of the State of the Order in my jurisdiction, I beg to be kindly remembered as yours, with high respect, in the bonds of F., L. and T.

J. B. HINKLE.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Davis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 26, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my return from an official visit to Arkansas. On the 1st of this month, accompanied by several members of the Order from this place, I took my departure for Helena. On the 3d, I proceeded to institute "Telula Lodge, No. 2," after which the following officers were elected and installed, viz: Brothers James Norton, N. G., L. D. Maddox, V. G., N. M. Foster, Sec'y., Jno. Fearing, Treasurer; several petitions were received and the gentlemen initiated during my stay. From the known high standing of the brethren who have united themselves to this infant sister, I feel fully authorised in saying that the progress of Odd-Fellowship at Helena will be onward, that its principles will be well studied and acted up to. Indeed I have rarely witnessed a greater anxiety any where than was manifested by the members to be fully instructed in the work. After remaining with the brethren four days I proceeded to Little Rock, via the Arkansas river, arriving on the 10th inst. So soon as it was possible I had a meeting of Far West Lodge, No. 1, called, and was happy in meeting a small band of brothers who, in all the varied and trying scenes through which they had passed, still held dear the principles of "F., L. and T." I am sorry to inform you that there had been no *regular* meetings of the Lodge for nearly a year. This was owing to various causes—the first being the destruction of their Lodge room, (it having fallen down, though a brick building,) The next, was the defalcation of one of the officers who had charge of the funds. And perhaps the greatest cause was, that in the anxiety (so often seen in new Lodges) to obtain members, many unworthy men had gained admittance, and by their conduct brought the Lodge into disrepute, and had driven many worthy men to withdraw altogether from any association with them—and many others had removed. Such was the state of things on my arrival. A great degree of lethargy existed amongst the members. Mine was the first official visit they had ever received from an officer of the G. L. U. States—they seemed to feel as though they had been cast off, and that no interest was felt in their welfare. My feeble efforts were used to dissipate this feeling, and I have reason to believe that they were not altogether fruitless. I examined the books of the Lodge and received reports from 1st January, 1844, to 30th December, 1845. These were made out with as great a degree of accuracy as possible. The books had been so badly kept, that it was utterly impossible to ascertain any nearer the situation of the Lodge than the reports exhibit. You can form some idea, at what a low ebb the Lodge had reached, when I inform you that there had been but one *initiation*, and that the whole amount due the G. Lodge was but \$18 69, for two years' work. Having given you the dark side of the picture, with pleasure do I reverse it. As there had been no election re-

cently, an election was gone into, and the following officers elected and installed: Brother S. H. Tucker, N. G., C. O. Haller, V. G., J. A. Hutchings, Sec'y., D. Durr, Treasurer. I am happy in stating that these brethren are "all good and true" men, and under their administration "Far West Lodge, No. 1," will again arise, and burnish her armor and do good service in the cause. I would here add that many estimable members at once reunited, and that there are now nineteen members, not one of whom is objectionable. The rest of the members were suspended (by operation of law) for the non-payment of dues, and I feel justified in saying that none but men of the right stamp will be permitted again to enter. Steps were promptly taken to procure another hall, and I look forward with pleasure in the fond anticipation of seeing the fruits of my labor bring forth an hundred fold, and I believe that the next report of "Far West Lodge, No. 1," will fully realize this anticipation.

This visit, as you are aware, would have been made long since, had my health been such as to warrant it. During the whole trip I was scarcely able to speak, or in fact attend to the onerous duties with any degree of satisfaction to myself or justice to the Order. I would here beg leave to return my thanks to the brethren, both at Little Rock and Helena, for their uniform kindness and attention to me whilst visiting them.

I remain, very sincerely, yours in F., L. and T.

WM. F. DAVIS.

TO THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From D. D. G. Sire Sundberg.

GALVESTON, Texas, July 25, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith please receive the annual reports of the Grand Lodge of Texas; also my acknowledgment of the receipt of all dues of the same to the G. L. U. S. for the past year, by which you will perceive that since the Grand Lodge was removed from Houston to this place, regular reports have been made and all per centage and dues regularly paid. As the Grand Lodge of Texas have but very limited means, I think it would be an act of justice to remit the amount due the G. L. U. S., prior to the removal of the same from Houston.

According to the "relief report," it will, I have no doubt, look rather insignificant, but from the fact that none of the Lodges have instituted any special "charity fund," and the members being unwilling to draw any thing for that purpose from their general fund, relief has generally been had by private subscriptions of the brethren.

I embrace this opportunity to give you a faint sketch of the progress of the Order in Texas, since its formation up to the present time, but must draw from memory only in regard to it prior to June

1844, as the Grand Lodge books, papers, and property up to that time, are still tenaciously withheld by a few individuals at Houston.

As well as I can remember, Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Houston in 1838, and Harmony, No. 2, at the same place, organized by Bro. P. G. M. D'Cordova, on the 10th day of December, 1839. The first step to the formation of Galveston Lodge, No. 3, was made by Bros. Beaumont and DeLacy, who, by giving public notice, met with a few brothers, who succeeded in obtaining a charter, and on the 22d of May, 1840, the Lodge was duly organized by P. G. M. D'Cordova.

A petition was soon after made to the G. L. U. S. for a charter to form a Grand Lodge; but from some cause the fee for the same did not reach its destination, and another amount made up and forwarded, when the brothers received a Dispensation, and Bro. P. G. M. D'Cordova proceeded to organize, and opened the Grand Lodge at Houston, on the 29th April, 1841. Every thing went on very well until March, 1842, when the report of the invading Mexican army made it necessary to suspend all operations, and Bro. D'Cordova was intrusted with the books and documents of the Order in Houston.

On the return of some of the members in the fall following, the Lodges were again re-opened, except Galveston Lodge, No. 3, which could not get a sufficient number of members together to recommence their labor, on which account they were granted a Dispensation to suspend all work until the fall of 1843. In the meantime the spirit of the members in Houston began to relax, and in the month of March, 1844, No. 2 gave up her charter and incorporated themselves with No. 1. Galveston Lodge, No. 3, to the contrary, commenced in earnest, and frequently called upon the Grand Lodge to assist them with their advice and support; but as the latter had almost ceased to meet, and by the desire of most of the brethren at Houston to have the Grand Lodge removed to Galveston, P. G. M. Jno. N. O. Smith, of Lone Star Lodge, gave notice at a meeting of the Grand Lodge to that effect, that he would at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge introduce a motion to change the location of the same, which was done, by a unanimous vote at a meeting held on May 22d, 1844; the members absent were, P. G.'s. J. A. Young, J. W. Niles, J. W. Bergin, J. W. Moore, and Wm. McLean, those being discontented at what was done; and Bergin being the Grand Secretary, and who had charge of the books and papers, &c., they refused to give any thing up to the Grand Lodge—recourse consequently was had to the R. W. G. Sire of the U. S., whose order to deliver to the Grand Master every thing belonging to the Grand Lodge was duly presented to them, but they still refused to give any thing up. They had in the meantime succeeded in breaking up Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, and sold its furniture, emblems, &c., at public auction, and retained the proceeds.

The Grand Lodge, at its July term following, received charges preferred against J. A. Young, J. W. Bergin, T. Donnellan, and J.

W. Moore,* and fixed the 19th August, 1845, for their trial, when the three first named were expelled.

On the 6th November, 1844, Ridgely Lodge, No. 4, was duly organized at Houston, by Bro. D'Cordova, but continues to drag on with no increase of numbers as yet. I am assured that they are only awaiting the time when public prejudices on account of some of the former members in Houston, and a little tranquillity in our national affairs shall have turned their attention to what is good and charitable.

Hermann Lodge, No. 5, was instituted at this place on the 29th of January last, and has, in the short space of about six months, about fifty contributing members. From their manner and regularity of work, I believe it will be an ornament to the Order in Texas.

There are several brothers here who are very anxious to have an Encampment started, and whenever matters and things become a little more settled, a petition for a charter will be made, and which I hope will be granted.

Very truly yours in F., L. and T.

L. P. SUNDBERG.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

From Special D. D. G. Sire Gordon.

MONTGOMERY, July 23, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Acting under authority from you, on the third day of July, inst., I installed the officers of St. Paul's Encampment, No. 2, as follows: L. B. Pope, C. P., P. C. Smith, H. P., C. R. Hunsford, S. W., S. Mayhew, J. W., J. D. Hopper, Scribe, John Frazer, Treasurer. We have twenty-four contributing members, and are doing as well as we could expect during the warm season. We think we shall have a large Encampment, as our Subordinate Lodge numbers about 175 members, and nearly all excellent ones.

Our regular report will be in soon. The representative from this state to the G. L. U. S. has gone on, and will present some petitions for the removal of the Grand Lodge of this state from Mobile to this place, which we hope will be effected, as it certainly will be of great benefit to the Order in this state; it is at a low ebb in Mobile at present, and they will not be able to do any thing until the G. Lodge is removed from there. All the Lodges in the interior are in favor of removing it, and most of them have sent resolutions to that effect to the G. L. U. S.

I send this to Cincinnati, which I hope will come safe to hand.

Yours truly in F., L. and T.

JOHN W. GORDON.

To THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

*J. W. Moore was sick at the time of trial, and has since died, rendering action unnecessary.

From Special D. D. G. Sire McCormick.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., August 3d, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I received your commission, as Special Deputy, to install the officers of Black Warrior Encampment, by due course of mail, and I have attended to and performed the duty therein enjoined. Thus far I have recognized an informal installation, which took place prior to the receipt of your commission, as legal and official. The installation took place on the 6th July last, past; your letter was not received for several days thereafter. The process of installation was, first, the induction of the Chief P. elect, and thereafter the installation, by him, of the H. P. and subordinate officers. The Encampment is in a prosperous condition, and under the present administration will, doubtless, greatly increase in numbers.

Respectfully, &c.

JNO. McCORMICK.

TO THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

From Special D. D. G. Sire Affron.

MOBILE, Ala., July 15th, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I did, by special commission, install the officers of Mount Arrarat Encampment, on the 10th day of July, 1846.—Stephen Davidson, C. P., Thomas Turnbull, H. P., John Steike, S. W., George W. Cullum, J. W., Wm. E. Jennings, Scribe, Robert Cowen, Treasurer.

I received your letter on the 10th day of July, on our regular meeting day of the Encampment; our Order is doing well in this state, as well as its best friends could wish; although in Mobile it does not increase as fast as in the interior, the reason is, a part of our population are continually changing, and another portion of it, are here, for the winter months only.

I had just finished a letter to each of the Encampments in the interior, instructing them to send their reports and per centage to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States; this being their first semi-annual term, and all of them new members in the CAMP, and I wished to see Alabama give her account to the Grand Lodge for the past year. But when I received your letter I did not mail theirs, thinking that you had given them the proper instructions. Bro. Williamson did withdraw from the Order in this state in April last. The Scribe will forward the report and per centage to the Grand Secretary.

Yours in F., L. T.

JOHN AFFRON.

TO THOMAS SHERLOCK, Esq., Grand Sire.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR 1847*.

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JOHN G. POTTS, -	{ Northern Illinois in part, and Iowa and Wisconsin }	} Galena, Ill.
W. DUANE WILSON,	{ Northern Illinois in part, and Wisconsin,	} Milwaukie.
L. P. SUNDBERG,	Texas, - - - - -	Galveston.

*The present D. D. G. Sires' term of office will expire on the 31st December, 1846, by the terms of their commission, and are now appointed only for States where no Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment exist.

REPRESENTATIVES.

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P. D. G. S. H. R. KNEASS,	-	-	-	Philadelphia.
P. G. M. EDWARD McINTYRE,	-	-	-	Wilmington, Del.
P. G. SEC'Y W. S. McNAIREY,	-	-	-	Nashville, Tenn.
P. G. M. ALEXANDER MacRAE,	-	-	-	Wilmington, N. C.
P. G. M. R. MARLEY,	-	-	-	Baltimore, Md.
P. G. M. A. K. MARSHALL,	-	-	-	Nicholasville, Ky.
P. G. M. H. L. MILLER,	-	-	-	Hartford, Conn.
P. D. G. S. W. W. MOORE,	-	-	-	Washington, D. C.
P. D. G. M. G. S. MORRIS,	-	-	-	York, Pa.
P. G. E. S. J. NEALLY,	-	-	-	Bath, Me.
P. C. P. J. L. PAGE,	-	-	-	N. Brunswick, N. J.
P. G. M. S. H. PARKER,	-	-	-	Dover, N. H.
P. G. SEC'Y W. E. PARMENTER,	-	-	-	Boston, Mass.
P. G. H. S. PATTERSON,	-	-	-	Philadelphia.
P. G. SEC'Y R. W. REED,	-	-	-	Winchester, Va.
P. C. P. E. C. ROBINSON,	-	-	-	Norfolk, Va.
G. M. A. ROPES,	-	-	-	Baltimore, Md.

P. G. DAVID SALOMON,	-	-	-	Mobile, Ala.
P. H. P. A. H. SEARFOSS,	-	-	-	Newark, N. J.
P. G. R. W. SEYMOUR,	-	-	-	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. P. W. R. SMITH,	-	-	-	Augusta, Me.
P. C. P. J. D. STEWART,	-	-	-	City of New York
P. G. M. J. W. STOKES,	-	-	-	Philadelphia.
P. G. B. B. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	Indianapolis, Ind.
P. C. P. J. H. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	South Carolina.
P. G. M. CHARLES THOMAS,	-	-	-	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. H. P. N. A. THOMPSON,	-	-	-	Boston, Mass.
P. G. SEC'Y J. McKENDREE VEITCH,	-	-	-	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G. F. O. WADSWORTH,	-	-	-	Natchez, Miss.
P. G. D. P. WATSON,	-	-	-	Nicholasville, Ky.
P. G. E. D. WELD,	-	-	-	Trenton, N. J.
P. G. CHARLES WELLS,	-	-	-	Manchester, N. H.
P. G. E. B. WHITE,	-	-	-	Providence, R. I.
P. G. H. H. WHITNEY,	-	-	-	Montreal, Canada.
P. G. M. JAMES WOOD,	-	-	-	Providence, R. I.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

THOMAS WILDEY,	-	-	-	Baltimore, Md.
S. H. PERKINS,	-	-	-	Philadelphia.
Z. B. GLAZIER,	-	-	-	Wilmington, Del.
J. A. KENNEDY,	-	-	-	New York.
H. HOPKINS,	-	-	-	Philadelphia

The above list is published in obedience to the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses and their highest titles in the Order."

Should any error be detected in the title of any member, it must be excused upon the ground that the only guide which the Secretary could have in such designation is the credentials of the representatives. These have been strictly conformed to.

Suspensions and Expulsions from Lodges

MARYLAND

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 2, John B. Hargett, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 3, John M. Garey, intoxication, Wm. M. Keyes, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 5, Edward Thompson, James Allen; 7, Jonas Brown, intoxication; Thomas F. Allen, S. F. Abbott, conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows; 9, John Richards; 15, John Moore; 16, Wm. Ball, intemperance; 31, Isaac Figlas; 37, Daniel Householder, improper conduct; 44, T. W. Fitchell, intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, Wm. H. Falkner, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 3, Daniel Shipley, adultery; 15, John Fickel; 16, James Colton, William Wason, Wm. H. Kelley, conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows; 20, Henry L. Gale, intemperance; 31, S. H. Little, adultery; 34, J. Pierce, intemperance; 35, D. H. Thomas, adultery; 35, John J. Beck, intemperance; 37, John M. Davis, false pretences; 39, J. W. Welch, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 42, James B. Brooks, intoxication.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 1, Thomas Whittemore, immorality; Wm. H. Ripley, intemperance; 20, Hosea Jewell, immoral conduct; 21, Peter Hughes, Griffin Gibson, Wm. D. Stark, intemperance; 22, D. W. Belyea, intemperance, Stephen Clark, fraud; 23, J. Cunningham, dishonesty; 33, Daniel Leavitt, intemperance; 34, H. T. Neal, immorality; 39, Mayo G. Smith, violation of obligation; 40, A. A. Pratt, B. P. Chase, dissipation and immorality in business; 45, Thomas Woodhave, immorality; 46, Wm. Birch, gambling; 50, P. C. Kittredge, W. A. Hill, intemperance; 52, J. G. Noyes, violation of obligation; 63, Bradford Field, immorality; 64, John G. Goodwin, breach of trust; 65, Edmund F. Kittredge, immorality; 72, Alfred Hersey, immorality; 83, H. Davis, violation of obligation; 92, Richard Wood, violation of the principles of the Order.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, Seth E. Hardy, forgery, A. B. Quimby, intemperance; 2, Wm. Wood, immorality, Samuel Hopkinson, intemperance; 21, Charles Bloomly, immorality, Charles Sargeant, gambling and intemperance; 32, John H. Lord, dishonesty; 33, Russell Dean, immorality; 36, John Tucker immorality; 60, Dr. E. Willis, gross violation of obligation.

NEW YORK.

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 10, Frederick Rapp; 11, Adolphus Taylor; 14, S. Krazenberg; 19, Peter Roff; 21, Judson D. Case; 24, Caleb Williamson, Wm. Burtzell; 26, John A. Kewin; 27, John B. Hoyt, Hiram Taylor; 28, John A. Miller; 31, William Reynolds; 36, John McCaffil; 40, T. H. Howey; 42, William Hampson; 49, ——— Heyland, Charles Toupet; 52, Martin Wacker; 58, James Alexander; 71, B. A. Woods; 77, James B. Swain; 84, Nicholas Heydenger; 87, John Simenson; 90, Isaac C. Fowler; 92, John Byron; 96, Amos Porter, J. J. Green, Walter Chipman; 98, Orris Curtis; 104, A. G. Beebe; 108, Francis Murning; 112, Isaiah Vail, 2d; 113, John Jones, Wm. Stover, Wm. Day; 120, Thomas Prince; 125, Sidney J. Breese; 127, F. P. G. Taylor; 166, E. K. West; 198, Aaron Brooks, improper conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 3, William Davison; 8, James M. Jaquith, A. W. Camp; 11, S. E. Mott; 13, Jacob Werle, W. Clefford; 14, J. Shassler; 19, T. W. I. Groves; 19, John H. Trowbridge; 21, Isaac N. Wooley, Samuel H. Perkins; 24, William H. Peck; 27, John Cameron; 28, John Gillerbrand, A. Fowler; 30, Smith W. Horton; 33, John B. Martel; 37, E. B. Pewtress; 38, Timothy Henan; 40, E. Mosher; 44, George W. Christie; 46, T. Winnette; 49, John Easterlake; 50, George W. Taggart; 53, E. Gleeson, Francis McClutchy; 54, Royal B. Jillson, C. L. Ellis; 65, John F. Van Nort; 72, John Jay Davis, John Van Vorst; 75, E. D. Purdy; 79, H. H. Harrington; 81, S. Wood, J. L. Elakeney, Isaac Chatterton; 87, Charles Wilson; 90,

Samuel A. Redfield; 91, A. D. Williams, Elijah Wentworth; 104, William Furguehassen; 107, George W. Anderson; 110, Isaac Smith; 111, Harrington Russell; 118, Sanford A. Hooper; 131, Horatio N. Swift, Homer Schenck, A. W. Lomas; 133, H. Pilfer; 148, Solomon Crowell, Jr.; 149, George S. Winton; 170, John D. Fitch, George W. Oakley; 181, Johnson Furgerson; 186. John Nutter, conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 8, John Hardy, Jas. Carter, Josh. Getty; 14, John Pinkerton, G. M. Hoffman; 21, J. Bodenhofer; 24, F. G. Rook; 33, John Perry; 57, J. W. Davis, S. Wilson; 67, George Kleiss; 81, Andrew Means; 87, Wm. Riley; 89, George M. Newell, Edward Long; 97, James Stratford; 99, Henry Durnell; 119, Wm. K. Carr; 128, Wm. Steinrock; 148, James S. Shoemaker, improper conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 5, Wm. R. Sharp; 6, Robert Boyd; 8, Thomas McCormick; 15, L. Crawford; 26, Josh. Vandusen; 33, F. F. F. Greaves; 43, Wm. Loughbridge, A. Hamilton; 57, James Gaggans, Levi Haas; 61, B. Waples, M. Forwald, C. Doeble; 67, Thomas Pearson; 69, John M. Wilson; 70, Michael Balsley; 74, J. B. Williams, Wm. Yocum, D. F. Welhelm; 75, Wm. H. Boyle, John M. Cooper; 76, James W. Bowen; 80, Daniel Herr, Wm. Mann, F. X. Zeigler; 85, Peter Keiser, A. Buterweske; 90, J. D. Greason; 94, Charles Wigton; 98, D. McClosky; 104, Geo. L. Moss; 106, F. Freudelenburch; 108, H. C. Johnson; 111, Conrad Wohlgemuth; 117, Henry K. Swope; 131, Martin H. Mansfield; 132, John E. Lewis, Charles Tribet, improper conduct.

LOUISIANA.

Suspension.—Lodge No. 8, Clarke Adams, for 50 years, for rejoicing over the defeat of a candidate, and unbecoming conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, L. W. Walcot, swindling; 6, Jos. McKibbin, unbecoming conduct.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Expulsions.—Lodges No. 10, R. M. Lusk, immorality; 12, Geo. Kraft, unbecoming conduct; 15, Rev. Dr. A. Muller, seduction.

DELAWARE.—Suspension.—Lodge No. 1, John Gillespie, intoxication.

OHIO

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 1, John Morris; 2, R. C. Holley, unbecoming conduct; 3, Robert Cottrell, Wm. J. Hotchkiss, intemperance; 5, C. H. Bronson, publishing injurious statements against a brother; 10, Kelly Cox, intemperance; 24, Robert Butler, unbecoming conduct; 28, Wm. Langton, intemperance; 36, G. W. Casper, unbecoming conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 2, N. P. Goforth, John R. Bullfinch, D. Bartholomew, conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows; 5, David Stevenson, wanton intoxication; 7, Asa S. Spurgeon, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, A. B. Latimore, wanton intoxication; 12, Wm. Neil, unbecoming conduct; 15, Robert Nelson, Lewis W. Williams, for habitual intemperance, Paul K. Wombaugh, revealing secrets of the Order; 19, Geo. Watson, intemperance, Samuel Carothers, unbecoming conduct; 28, W. B. Wood, unbecoming conduct; 31, John Herrick, unbecoming conduct; 35, Jacob Oyler, wanton intoxication; 35, James Sivals, unbecoming conduct; 47, Hans C. Brandt, criminal conduct.

NEW JERSEY

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 2, Joseph Ferris, habitual intemperance; 11, Wm. A. Berry, 6 months, improper conduct; 27, Lewis Springer, abusing his wife.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 7, Silas C. Burrows; 12, John Booth; 13, Robert Shay, drunkenness; 21, Nicholas H. Ransom, obtaining money under false pretences and absconding; 23, Oliver Cox, defrauding brothers and other offences.

KENTUCKY.—Expelled, 5; names not reported.

VIRGINIA.

Expulsions.—5, names not reported; also the following: from Lodge No. 9, Hugh M. Rogers, defrauding the Lodge; 15, Wm. S. Tompkins, unbecoming conduct.

INDIANA.—Expulsions—6, names omitted.

MISSISSIPPI.

Suspensions.—Richard S. Rooner, 5 years; E. Scarborough, bad conduct.

Expulsions.—Wm. Kirk, Jab. Shuber, G. W. Gibbons, John Miller unbecoming conduct.

MISSOURI.

Suspensions.—Lodges No. 3, John H. Westerman, unworthy conduct; Jno. T. Schulze, intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, Aaron W. Pitts, *infamous* conduct; 2, Louis Du Brueil, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 3, Wm. Armstrong, intemperance; 5, Cyrus G. Hoyt, unworthy conduct; 11, John T. Williams, attempt to swindle.

ILLINOIS.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 3, John Burchstedt, Samuel N. Joy, Seth Fuller, non-payment of dues; 7, David Jones, fraudulent conduct; 9, David Jaye, absquatulation; 10, John D. Strickland, for purloining money from a brother.

Re-instatements.—Lodges No. 5, W. A. Slaymaker, J. B. Watts, Thomas Wolfinger, G. H. Mass, Thomas Smith, C. R. Bennett, P. H. Leshner; 6, S. A. Corneau, re-instated Dec. 29, 1845.

CONNECTICUT.

Suspension.—Lodge No. 1, Andrew Terrill, habitual intoxication.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, George Reday, habitual drunkenness; 4, Charles Sherman, Wm. G. Nichols, non-payment of dues; 5, John Gallagher, fraud on the Lodge; 7, T. H. Burr, drunkenness; 9, John A. Lathrop, habitual drunkenness; 13, Francis A. Bottom, immoral conduct; 14, R. H. Augur, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; 16, Wm. L. Tingley, theft.

TENNESSEE.—Expulsions—8, names omitted.

TEXAS.—Expulsion.—Pegasso Edwards, bad conduct.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 5, Alfred Bullock, drunkenness; 8, A. B. Holbrook, swindling; B. C. Hyatt, bad conduct.

ALABAMA.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, James Curry, defalcation; 7, Wm. H. Byrd, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Expulsions—10, names omitted.

GEORGIA.—Expulsions—3, names omitted.

MAINE.—Expulsions—10, names omitted.

RHODE ISLAND.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 1, Albert W. Tripp, intemperance; 2, Isaac Allen, James Bovill, intemperance; 3, John T. B. Lipkin, neglect to provide for his family; 5, one member, name omitted, refusal to pay his dues.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Expulsions—6, names omitted.

MICHIGAN.—Suspension.—Lodge No. 9, Francis D. Ford, dishonesty.

Suspensions and Expulsions from Encampments.

MARYLAND.—Expulsion.—No. 1, Bernard Rowe, unbecoming conduct.

NEW YORK.—Expulsion.—No. 8, E. B. Pewtress, unbecoming conduct.

OHIO.—Expulsions—6 members, names not reported.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Expulsion.—1 member, name not reported.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Expulsion.—1 member, name not reported.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Suspensions.—No. 3, Hosea Jewell, Ellbridge Tufts, dishonesty; 11, Alfred H. Pratt, Henry P. Chase, by the Lodge; 13, W. C. Johnson, immoral conduct.

Expulsion.—No. 1, W. G. Davis, by his Lodge.

MAINE.—Expulsion.—1 member, name not reported.

To D. D. Grand Sires, Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes, and Secretaries and Scribes of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction:

These Officers will please notice and conform, without fail, to the following laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

“That the fiscal year of this Grand Lodge commence on the first day of July, and terminate on the 30th June.”

“That the charters of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fail to make their returns for four successive quarters, shall be forfeited, and that whenever such remissness occurs, the Grand Sire take proper measures to reclaim the same.”

“That D. D. Grand Sires be required to report quarterly with their dues, *particularly designating* what Lodge or Encampment is to be credited.”

“That from and after the first of January, 1846, cards, visiting or clearance, issued by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the price recommended for the same in the report of the Committee on Finance be approved of.”

“That in case any Lodge or Encampment shall have on hand at the time specified in the above resolution, cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary on their delivery at his office, be directed to furnish proper cards in their place.”

The undersigned takes this public occasion of communicating this information to all whom it may concern.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Secretary



Hon. R. Kneass

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE U. STATES

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1847.

MONDAY, September 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS SHERLOCK, M. W. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, R. W. G. R. and C. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER, R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, R. W. G. Chaplain.
JNO. G. TREADWELL, R. W. G. Marshal.
LEVIN JONES, W. G. Guardian.
J. E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. G. Messenger.
THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. Sire.

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of States were present, the Grand Marshal in the absence of the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Grand Marshal reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect, which were read and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair named Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Macdonough, of Mo., and DeSaussure, of S. C., as the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read, and, on motion of Rep. AtLee of D. of C., accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following Representatives as correct :

FROM GRAND LODGES.

Maryland,	-	{ P. G. WM. L. McCAULEY,
		{ P. G. GEO. J. ROCHE.
Virginia,	-	{ P. G. M. J. HARRISON KELLY.
		{ P. G. E. S. HOUGH.
Connecticut,	-	P. G. M. P. DEMICK.
Massachusetts,	-	{ P. G. M. E. M. P. WELLS,
		{ P. G. W. T. DAVIS.
Pennsylvania,	-	{ P. G. ANDREW YOHE,
		{ P. G. M. JOHN C. YEAGER.
New Hampshire,	-	{ P. G. T. G. SENTER,
		{ P. G. M. S. H. PARKER.
Maine,	-	{ P. G. E. S. J. NEALLY,
		{ P. G. ALLEN HAINES.
New Jersey,	-	P. G. DANIEL T. CLARK.
District of Columbia,		{ P. G. M. W. W. MOORE,
		{ P. G. M. JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.
New York,	-	{ P. G. JAS. A. COFFIN,
		{ P. G. JOHN W. DWINELLE.
Kentucky,	-	{ P. G. M. A. K. MARSHALL,
		{ P. G. G. W. JOHNSTON.
South Carolina,	-	{ P. G. J. H. TAYLOR,
		{ P. G. W. G. DeSAUSSURE.
Ohio,	-	{ P. G. THOS. SPOONER,
		{ P. G. WM. B. KERLIN.
Louisiana,	-	P. G. HENRY McKINNELL.
Missouri,	-	P. G. HENRY HOLMES.
Georgia,	-	{ P. G. M. J. W. ANDERSON,
		{ P. G. M. WOODRUFF.
Alabama,	-	P. G. M. JOHN AFFRON.
Michigan,	-	{ P. G. JOHN WINDER,
		{ P. G. N. R. RAMSDELL.
Tennessee,	-	G. M. G. P. SMITH.
Indiana,	-	P. G. J. P. CHAPMAN.
Mississippi,	-	P. G. M. WM. H. BROWN.
Illinois,	-	P. G. M. S. S. JONES.
Wisconsin,	-	P. G. W. D. WILSON.
North Carolina,	-	P. G. WM. E. ANDERSON
Delaware,	-	P. G. GEO. GILL.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Maryland,	-	P. C. P. LEVI TAYLOR.
New York,	-	{ P. G. P. JOHN GREEN,
		{ P. C. P. THEO. DIMON.
Pennsylvania,	-	{ P. G. M. J. W. STOKES,
		{ P. G. GEO. S. MORRIS.

Connecticut,	-	P. G. P. WM. L. BREWER.
New Jersey,	-	P. C. P. SAMUEL LILLY.
Massachusetts,	-	{ P. G. P. WM. ELLISON,
		{ P. G. H. P. RAYMOND COLE.
Ohio,	-	P. G. M. A. G. DAY.
New Hampshire,		P. G. STEPHEN BROWN.
Maine,	-	P. C. P. F. P. THEOBALD.
Virginia,	-	P. G. M. G. M. BAIN.
Kentucky,	-	P. C. P. WM. F. DAVIS.
Missouri,	-	P. G. EDWARD F. MACDONOUGH.
South Carolina,	-	P. G. P. P. De DELLA TORRE.
Michigan,	-	P. C. P. A. S. KELLOGG.
Rhode Island,	-	P. G. A. P. WARE.
North Carolina,		P. C. P. D. G. MacRAE.
Tennessee,	-	P. C. P. I. D. WILLIAMSON.
Georgia,	-	P. C. P. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

And as incorrect, P. G. M. Samuel Y. AtLee, of Grand Encampment, District of Columbia, which wants the seal of the Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted, WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.
E. F. MACDONOUGH.

On motion, it was resolved, that Rep. AtLee, of D. of C. be admitted to his seat, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate of election.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee :

Committee on Petitions—Reps. Dwinelle, of N. Y., Chapman, of Ind., and Kelly, of Va.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., presented the petition of the subordinate Lodges of Vermont, praying for a Grand Lodge, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The M. W. G. Sire, presented the following, being his Annual Report, which being read, on motion of Rep. Morris, of Pa., it was ordered that five hundred extra copies of the same be printed for distribution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

IN obedience to the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report. It is a source of much pleasure to me to be enabled to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity with which our institution has been blessed. The additions to our membership during the year have fully equalled those of former years, and the consequent increase of the means, and the application of those means towards the fulfilment of the great objects of our Order affords the best evidence to the world of the benefits of Odd-Fellowship. One year since there were reported about 90,000 contributing members attached to Lodges under your jurisdiction; there are now about 120,000. The amount expended for the relief of brethren and for purposes of charity, as reported at the last session for the year then expired, was about \$205,000; during the year just past, for the same purposes the expenditures have been about \$300,00.

Nothing has occurred seriously to mar the prospects of the Order, or to retard it in its career of usefulness. From the assaults of those, who, strangers to our institution, denounce and condemn it, no harm can result. The day has gone by when the mass of mankind could be moved blindly, by the efforts, of a few designing men.

Institutions as well as individuals are judged by their actions, and so long as our Order adheres to its ancient landmarks, pursuing closely the line of its duty, and thus evincing its capacity as a great agent in the work of ameliorating the condition of man and of creating and sustaining the feeling of a common brotherhood, ignorance and fanaticism cannot affect it. It is from internal dissensions alone that any danger need be feared, and I regret to say that there are indications that this danger is at hand.

The proposition in various States to change the fundamental laws upon which State Grand Lodges are organized will be a fruitful source of discord, unless the principle be settled by your body. Under our present laws, every Past Grand in good standing is entitled to a seat in his State Grand Lodge. This is guaranteed to him as a reward for the labor performed in filling the different chairs in a Subordinate Lodge. It is proposed in some sections of the country to organize State Grand Lodges upon the representative system, representation in proportion to numbers, whilst in other sections there is already a system in operation by which, on many questions, a representative elected by his Lodge casts the vote of that Lodge, and other Past Grands are disfranchised. Two points are presented here, the decision of which will be of great importance to the Order 1st. Can a P. G. be cast out of a State Grand Lodge which he has entered as a member under the solemn guarantees of the organic law of that body, and under the stipulations made by the Grand Lodge of the United States? and 2nd. Can a system be adopted which in effect is the same, that is, that a P. G. may be disfranchised on certain questions, or that the voice of one P. G. may be made less in the body of his State Grand Lodge than that of his fellow member who may be the special representative of his Lodge? I am satisfied that in some States it will be necessary to change the present system in order that the Grand Lodges may be reduced to a working number, but the difficulties involved in the two points presented, have appeared to me to be a bar to any better plan.

On the last day of the session of 1846, there was reported to the Grand Lodge by a special committee a form of funeral ceremony, processions, and regalia. The report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. So much of it as refers to regalia can, in my opinion, be viewed only as a proposed amendment to the 25th By-Law, and as such it could not legally be considered on the day it was presented. Accordingly I ruled that the 25th By-Law was still in full force, and that the regalia as therein defined was the only regalia known to the Order.

In accordance with the directions of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the Grand Encampment of Michigan have been instituted. There have also been instituted under dispensations issued during the recess, Grand Encampments in Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and

Eleven Subordinate Lodges and ten Subordinate Encampments in Iowa, Wisconsin, Florida, Vermont, Delaware, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Mississippi; the petitions, returns, and other documents in relation to which, will be laid before you for final action.

From Iowa an application in due form for a Grand Lodge charter has been received and in view of the near approach of your session it was reserved for your decision. I take pleasure in recommending that the charter be granted, believing that the Order there is in safe hands, and that a Grand Lodge will be properly conducted.

An application for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge has been received from petitioners residing in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. The petitioners represent themselves to have been members of Lodges in New York, New Zealand, Liverpool, Doncaster and Hobart Town; and as all save one of the applicants hail from Lodges

unknown to the Order here, nothing could be done to forward the wishes of the petitioners. Among the papers accompanying the petition are copies of a correspondence had by the signers with P. G. Watson, who, it will be remembered, was furnished by the then D. D. G. S. of Massachusetts with a commission as D. D. G. S. of Oregon.

There will be presented to you for ratification, a dispensation issued by P. G. Watson, to certain brethren, residents of the same place, under which a Subordinate Lodge has been instituted. It is recommended that the act of P. G. Watson be legalized, and that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the Hawaiian Islands be recognized as a legitimate Lodge. By the instrumentality of that Lodge, if its institution be sanctioned, it is hoped that the benefits of Odd-Fellowship may be extended to a vast territory hitherto unoccupied by it.

As at present constituted, the Board of Grand Officers cannot, in my opinion, grant dispensations to open Lodges, but upon the application of five members with cards in possession. If it is deemed desirable to extend to foreign countries the blessings of American Odd-Fellowship, it will be necessary to vest in the officers of the Grand Lodge some discretionary power, by which the application of five members may be dispensed with, as it is scarcely possible, that at many points which it would be desirable to occupy, a sufficient number of qualified petitioners can ever be obtained. It will require an amendment to the By-Laws to accomplish this. I take leave to commend this subject to your attention, in the hope that you will adopt some plan by which the Grand Officers may be enabled to act.

On reference to the report of the Grand Secretary, it will be seen that the revenues of the past year have fallen far short of the previous year. There can be no doubt, however, that a strict enforcement of the present laws will produce a sufficient revenue to defray the necessary and proper expenditures of the Grand Lodge, and that an increase of direct taxation need not be resorted to. The representative tax alone forms but a small portion of the revenue, the principal part being derived from the sale of the work, odes, and diplomas. Notwithstanding the assertion by the Grand Lodge at the last session, of its sole right to print and publish the work, cards, odes, and diplomas, an individual member of the Order has continued, in violation of that right, to offer for sale a form of diploma, and in some sections of the Union portions of the Order have sustained him in that course. If the sources of revenue now in possession of the Grand Lodge be cut off, it will be requisite to resort to some other mode of raising a sufficient amount to meet its current expenses.

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of a Digest of the Laws of the Order will report at the present session. This important duty has been discharged in a manner worthy of the thanks of your body. Every law decision and usage bearing upon the government of the institution, as well as upon its internal affairs, have been sought out and arranged, so that any member of the Order may see at once his rights and duties. It is proposed to publish the report in such a form as that it may be placed in the hands of all, and that the Grand Lodge may be reimbursed the expense of its preparation.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has, by resolution, requested the appointment of a visitor to instruct in the work of the Order. It is feared by that body that errors have crept in, and it is desired to correct them if they do exist. That body represents that a brother qualified to represent it in this Grand Lodge at the present session could not be procured, and that it is deemed necessary that some one duly authorized should visit it. It is supposed that several new Lodges will be instituted during the coming year, and that the Order there, having surmounted the many difficulties with which it was surrounded, will now progress rapidly.

The same Grand body prays to be relieved from the payment of its indebtedness incurred previous to its removal from Houston to Galveston. It may not be known to the members of your body, that at the time of the removal the members of the G. Lodge of Texas, residing in Houston, and who were in possession of the books and effects of that body, refused to transfer them to the new officers; and that the efforts of the D. D. G. S. and of the Grand Master of Texas to obtain possession of them have been of no avail. Under the peculiar circumstances it would, in my opinion, be but justice to relieve that Grand Lodge from the claim alluded to.

At your last session I had the honor to report that in Arkansas the Order had been revived under favorable auspices, and I now have the satisfaction of reporting that the anticipations then entertained have been fully realized. The Lodges in existence there have done well, and the prospect of a further increase of Lodges, and of the application in a short time for a Grand Lodge charter is promising.

In consequence of the reclamation of the charters granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England, the members of Pioneer Lodge (the only one organized) have been thrown out of the pale of the Order, and are not in possession of any evidence that they have any claim to membership. P. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, who was a member of Pioneer Lodge, is now in this country, and is desirous of attaching himself to the Order. There is not, to my knowledge, either authority or precedent to warrant the Grand Officers in furnishing the facilities to enable brethren so situated to become members of other Lodges. Justice to those who, in good faith, undertook and labored for the extension of the sphere of Odd-Fellowship, requires that some plan should be adopted to relieve this class of brethren.

An appeal from the action of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, in the election of officers of that body on the 2nd of January last, signed by John W. Cleaper, and eight other members thereof, was presented to me in the month of July last. The appellants set forth that said election should have been held in accordance with the Constitution, on the 31st of December; that at that time a quorum not being present, the session was adjourned agreeable to rule, to the next day at the same hour and place; that there was then a general attendance of the officers and members of the body, and that the Grand Patriarch refused to open the session. They further represent that the G. P. then ordered a session for the following evening, at which time the election of officers was held. They claim that the election was illegal and void, for the reason that it should have been held at the constitutional time, and pray that the officers elected be restrained from discharging the duties of officers, and that justice be done in the premises. In the absence of any information from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, no action has been had, and the appeal is now submitted to your body in accordance with the desire of the appellants.

A charter, in conformity with the instructions of your body, was prepared and forwarded to "The Grand Lodge of British North America." By the terms of that charter that body was "erected into a distinct sovereignty, with power, in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within British North America, independent of this Grand Lodge," with certain reservations as therein set forth. That charter was accepted and "The Grand Lodge of British North America" was duly organized under it. No correspondence has been had between the authorities of that Grand body and the officers of this Grand Lodge.

Since your last session, the Order has sustained a great loss in the death of two of its most distinguished members. Grand Rep. Joseph Beardsley, of the District of Columbia, and Grand Rep. D. J. Hoyt, of New Hampshire, have been called from among us to receive the reward of their labors. Having faithfully performed their duties here, we may humbly hope that their spirits are at rest.

The discussion of the internal affairs of our institution, by a portion of the public press, claiming to be the organs of Odd-Fellowship, will, I fear, be seriously detrimental to its best interests. Whilst I cheerfully accord to the brethren who have so zealously labored to extend the field of its influence, the purest motives, and freely acknowledge that they have accomplished much good, yet I am constrained by a sense of duty to say, that many erroneous constructions of law and usage have been, by means of that press, scattered abroad throughout this jurisdiction. The domestic relations of the institution, as well as the laws by which it is governed, have been made the subject of comment and controversy; paper has warred against paper, each enlisting in its support a portion of the Order; and discord has been fostered, if not created, where peace and harmony previously existed.

To the D. D. Grand Sires and special Deputies, I have been much indebted for the prompt and able manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective stations. And to D. D. Grand Sires John G. Potts, of Illinois and Iowa, Wm. Duane Wilson, of Wisconsin, and A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, the thanks of the Order are especially due, for the fidelity and zeal with which they have labored to forward the interests and to extend the sphere of Odd-Fellowship.

In concluding the last official communication that I shall probably be called upon to make, I deem it my duty, to urge respectfully upon you the importance of permanent laws and usages in an institution so vast and so wide-spread as ours. Sudden changes will ever cause much dissatisfaction among the great mass of our members, and much confusion in the administration of our affairs.

Fully assured that you will give all subjects that may be brought before you the most careful and mature consideration, and that your decisions will be such as the welfare of the Order demands,

I have the honor to be, in F., L. and T.,

THOS. SHERLOCK, *G. Sire.*

Baltimore, September 20, 1847.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the following order was adopted:

Resolved, That the Journal of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, be printed from day to day, for the use of the representatives.

On motion of Rep. Lilly, of N. J., the resolution directing the printing of five hundred extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report, was reconsidered, and on his further motion the number five hundred was stricken out and the number one thousand substituted.

On motion of Rep. De Saussure, of S. C., the Grand Sire's Report was referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the following as the committee: Rep. Jones, of Illinois, Day, of Ohio, and Clark, of N. J.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., presented the revised Constitution of G. L. of S. C., for the approval of the G. L. of U. S., which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was, on his motion, referred to the same committee.

Rep. Bain, of Va., submitted the Constitution of the G. Encampment of Va., which was, on his motion, referred to the same committee.

On motion of Rep. Yohe, of Pa., it was resolved that a committee be appointed, to report the unfinished business of last session. The Chair

named Reps. Yohe, of Pa., Anderson, of N. C., and Hough, of Va., as the committee.

Rep. Senter, of N. H. rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows :

It is with deep regret that I announce to the M. W. Grand Sire and the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, the death of P. G. Daniel J. Hoyt, late Representative of the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

During his connection with the Order, he ever manifested that zeal in promoting its blessings, which so endeared him to the fraternity, as to bestow upon him the highest gift of their esteem.

Though removed from his usefulness in this terrestrial Lodge, we receive comfort in the reflection, that he is enjoying the light of the celestial Lodge above. I beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Ruler of the Universe to remove from us, our late brother D. J. Hoyt, late Representative in this body—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States do duly sympathise with their brethren of New Hampshire, and the friends of our deceased brother, in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and the friends of our deceased brother be presented with a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., the resolutions proposed were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Sessford, of D. of C., rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

I rise, Most Worthy Grand Sire, to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of P. G. M. Joseph Beardsley, a Representative in this Grand Lodge at the session of 1846, and a Representative elect to the present session.

In making this announcement, Most Worthy Grand Sire, it is not my intention to detain you with an extended eulogy upon our deceased brother. He was one of the oldest members of the Order in the District of Columbia, and had been elevated by his brethren to the highest offices within their gift. None knew him but loved him for his kindness of heart, and devotion for and strict adherence to the principles of our beloved Order.

I submit the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Almighty Grand Master of the Universe, to remove from among us our late brother P. G. M. Joseph Beardsley, late a representative elect in this body, from the District of Columbia—

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathise with their brethren of the District of Columbia in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be entered upon the journal, and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Whereupon the resolutions proposed were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read, and on motion accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States :

The undersigned, the Committee on Petitions of this R. W. body, to whom were referred the petitions for the institution of Grand Encampments in the States of North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, together with the returns showing the institution of the same, would respectfully report, That the petitions and papers placed in the hands of the committee, show that the applications for Grand Encampments were regularly made, and dispensations issued by the M. W. Grand Sire in each case ; and

that the Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia was regularly instituted on the 12th day of July, 1847, and the Grand Encampment of the State of Tennessee on the 21st day of July, 1847. Your Committee would further report, that they are not in possession of any official return from any officer authorised to institute the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, showing that the Grand Encampment of that State has been instituted; but they are informed, from undoubted authority, that the Grand Encampment of that State was regularly instituted on the 17th day of July, 1847, and the credentials of a Representative from that Grand Encampment to this body, under its seal, which displays that fact, are in the possession of the Grand Secretary of this body. We therefore recommend the ratification by this body of the dispensations issued in each instance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., it was resolved that a Standing Committee on appeals be appointed.

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Ellison, of Mass., Macdonough, of Mo., DeSaussure, of S. C.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Griffin, of Ga., Wells, of Mass., Stokes, of Pa.

Committee on Petitions.—Dwinelle, of N. Y., Chapman, of Ia., Kelly, of Va.

Committee on Finance.—McKinnell, of La., Anderson, of Ga., Wilson, of Wis.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Morris, of Pa., Demick, of Conn., Ramsdell, of Mich.

Committee on Constitutions.—DeSaussure, of S. C., AtLee, of D. C., Brown, of Miss.

Committee on Correspondence.—Spooner, of Ohio, Haines, of Me., Bain, of Va.

Committee on Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments not Represented.—Marshall, of Ky., Smith, of Tenn., Coffin, of N. Y.

Committee to Distribute Grand Sire's Report.—Jones, of Ill., Day, of Ohio, Clark, of N. J.

Committee on Appeals.—Torre, of S. C., Williamson, of Tenn., Parker, of N. H.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be directed to consider the expediency of restoring the three months term for Subordinates.

Rep. Hough, of Va., submitted the following order, which was not agreed to.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge disapprove of the publication of its proceedings by the daily papers during the session.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, upon the subject of the six months term, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., it was ordered that five hundred copies of the daily journal be printed for the use of the Representatives.

Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That P. G. Rep. Wm. E. Parmenter, M. W. G. M. of Massachusetts, and a member of the Digest Committee, be invited to attend the sessions of this body, and that said brother and Grand Secretary Ridgely, be permitted to participate in its discussions on the Digest.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment hereafter have power to hold their sessions at such places as they may deem expedient, within their jurisdiction.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., to refer the subject to a special Committee, Rep. Stokes, of Pa., objected to the resolution as out of order, being in conflict with the Constitution—the Chair ruled the question to be in order—whereupon Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being put, “Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?” it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to refer the subject to a special Committee, it was agreed to. The Chair named Reps. Parker, of N. H., Lilly, of N. J., and Kerlin, of Ohio, as the Committee.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following enquiry, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Can the Grand Encampment O. B. N. be administered to Past Officers of Subordinate Encampments, who are entitled to membership in Grand Encampments, in any other place than in the body of the Grand Encampment?

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will assemble for the transaction of business, daily, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and 4 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the appeal of Montgomery Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., it was ordered, that the Grand Lodge will proceed to instruction in the work on Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to take into consideration, and as soon as may be, report to this Lodge their opinion on the propriety of changing the term of elective officers in Subordinate Lodges, from six months to one year.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present Thomas Sherlock, M. W. G. Sire, and the same Grand Officers as of the morning session.

The G. Secretary presented the appeal of P. G.'s Jno. W. Dwinelle and W. H. Jewett, of New York, from the decision of the Grand Master of New York; also appeal of Magnolia Lodge, Ohio; also protest of P. G. Dibb and others, members of the Grand Camp of South Carolina; also the memorial of Lilly of the Mound Lodge of Wisconsin; also the memorial of P. G. M. T. Benteen and others, of the G. Lodge of Virginia, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State; also petition and appeal of Lake Dunmore Lodge, Vermont; also the petition of Telulah Lodge, Arkansas, praying leave to change the night of session of said Lodge; also proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-

vania, on the six months term ; also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine on the same subject ; also various communications from P. Pr. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, England, now defunct, praying that the Grand Corresponding Secretary may be directed to issue to him a card of membership—which were severally read.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle that the appeal of the P. Grands of the State of New York lie on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

Whereupon the several appeals were referred to the Com. on Appeals.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., offered the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts ask “the decision of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S.” as to their right so to amend the Constitution of Subordinates, as to make a scarlet member eligible to the office of N. G. after having served one term in any subordinate office.

Rep. Ellison, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report as correct the certificate of P. G. William Simons, Rep. from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
E. F. MACDONOUGH.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., presented the following memorial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, complaining of the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session touching the interest of said Grand Lodge.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The memorial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, unanimously approved in general meeting, respectfully represents :

That at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia suffered at its hands an act of injustice, to which it feels assured that it is only necessary to invite attention in order to obtain due reparation.

Covenant Lodge, within the District of Columbia, having, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, assumed a position of insubordination incompatible with the harmony and well-being of our Order, this Grand Lodge deemed it just and expedient to pass an act of suspension against the said Lodge.

Covenant Lodge thereupon petitioned this Grand Lodge for the privilege of taking an appeal to your honorable body, which was refused because the said Lodge had not complied with the law and usages of the Order, in delivering her effects into the keeping of the Grand Lodge.

But, although Covenant Lodge had thus apparently elected to forego the right of appeal rather than accede to the reasonable requirement of this G. Lodge, this body was surprised to hear, at the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that, contrary to the Law and the Constitution, an appeal from the members of said Lodge had been received and acted upon by your honorable body, adverse to the rights and interests of this Grand Lodge, and entirely without its consent or knowledge.

It is against the constitutionality of this act on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in entertaining an appeal under the circumstances of the case referred to, that the Grand Lodge of the District of

Columbia respectfully but solemnly protests, as being a violation of the rights and privileges guarantied to her by the compact by which this Order is united and governed, and to which every Grand Lodge is necessarily a party.

The provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States which relates to the subject of this memorial and appeal to the justice of your honorable body originally stood in the following words :

"It [the Grand Lodge of the United States] is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred, and its decisions thereon shall be final and conclusive; *and, with the consent of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District, or Territory,* may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

The first decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States occurred in the year 1825, and is recorded at page 76 of the [present revised] official edition of the Journal. It was in the case of the presentation of *petitions* from certain Lodges in Philadelphia, complaining that a Brother had been unjustly dealt with. On that occasion the Grand Lodge of the United States adopted the following resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States has no jurisdiction in the case presented before it.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of each State only has the power of referring any case, however important, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"*Resolved*, That Washington Lodge No. 2, and Wayne Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia, must present their petitions to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Again, at an adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in August, 1834, a petition was presented from a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, *who had been tried without opportunity of defence*; which petition was referred and acted upon by restoring the member to his privileges in the Order that he might have a "fair and impartial hearing." Just and proper as this decision may appear, it was nevertheless reconsidered at the regular session, in less than two months afterwards, and the following courteous and conciliatory judgment was formally expressed, (page 170 :)

"Representative Keyser, of Maryland, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

"Whereas the first article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge declares that *with the consent of the Grand Lodge of a State*, this Grand Lodge may entertain an appeal from a Subordinate Lodge from the decision of its State Grand Lodge; and whereas this appeal of C. B. F. Oneal was made without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge *has no authority to act* in the case of C. B. F. Oneal's appeal. But, as by the report of the committee, it appears that there may be some foundation for the complaint made by the petitioner, it be earnestly requested of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that they grant the petitioner a re-hearing; and as this Lodge has full confidence that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is equally desirous with themselves to do justice to all men, they entertain no doubt but, on such re-hearing, every object will be obtained which the committee desire by their report."

At the Session of 1840, on page 338, is the record of an appeal from Columbia Lodge of Maryland, *by permission of the State Grand Lodge*, which was duly referred and decided.

Again, at page 387, of the Session of 1841, we find the following proceedings and decision :

"Representative Taylor, of Ohio, offered to present to the consideration of the Grand Lodge a paper in the nature of an appeal from sundry German brethren of that State, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in reconsidering the grant of a charter to them and rejecting the same.

"Representative Neilson objected to the reception of the communication, *on the ground that the Grand Lodge of the United States could not entertain jurisdiction of an appeal from the decision of a State Grand Lodge, without its assent had thereto.*

"The Chair overruled the objection at this time, and directed the paper to be read, whereupon

"On motion of Representative Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

"*Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their appeal, and that they be informed that this Grand Lodge cannot constitutionally entertain the same without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*"

Again, on page 542, it being the Session of 1843, is recorded the following proceeding :

"The Grand Sire presented the appeal of several Lodges of the State of Massachusetts against the decision of the Grand Lodge of the State, *which being made without the assent of the State Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution, he stated could not be received.*

"Whereupon, on motion of Representative Stokes, of Pennsylvania, the petitioners obtained leave to withdraw their appeal."

Again, on page 578, at the same Session, is the following report and decision in another case of informal appeal :

"The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of William D. Craft, of New York, beg leave to report *that the same is informal, it being presented without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York*, and do therefore recommend its return to the source from which it emanated."

Again, at the same Session, on page 585 :

"The Grand Sire presented the appeal of Travellers' Rest Lodge, of Missouri, against the decision of the Grand Lodge, *made without its assent ; which, on motion of Representative Kneass, of Pennsylvania, was not received, it not being in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.*"

Although, in some of the preceding cases, a question might arise as to the propriety of thus denying appeals unless they had the sanction of the State Grand Lodge, yet a little reflection must satisfy every one that the policy was not inconsiderately adopted ; for, if such appeals were freely admitted, the State Grand Lodge would in most cases be an *absent party*, from the impossibility of citing her to appear during a brief session of five or six days, or of obtaining from her, within that time, the record on which she relied for her defence. In order to obviate this difficulty, and to do ample justice to both parties in all cases of extreme penalty, one of the Representatives of this District during the Session of 1843 proposed

to amend the Constitution by adding thereto the following, which will be found at page 590 :

"In all cases where, on account of misunderstanding or other cause, a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall deem it necessary to expel an entire Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the business of such Lodge or Encampment shall be thereupon suspended, and all its working properly secured in the same manner as is now provided for ; but the penalty shall not be carried into full effect until the act of expulsion be confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States ; before which body the subject must be brought, and be by it determined at its first regular Session thereafter, provided sufficient time shall intervene after the vote of expulsion to enable the Representative of the State Grand Lodge or Encampment to reach the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

This amendment, which conveys notice to both parties to submit their case and defence within a stated time, came up for consideration at the Session of 1844, and was rejected by a vote of yeas 16 to nays 23, on the ground, mainly, as we have been informed, that its adoption would be an improper interference with the State Grand Lodges, in constraining them to answer appeals.

The Grand Lodge of the United States thus determined to adhere to its former usage ; and accordingly we find, at page 668 of the Journal of 1844, the following report and decision :

"The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Benteen P. G. M., and others, praying that this body would reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, made at its annual communication in April last, beg leave to report that the petition has not received the assent of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. They, therefore, beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same."

At the session of 1845 (see the Journal at page 749) an amendment of the Constitution was adopted which materially modified the conditions on which Subordinate Lodges can send up appeals. This amendment is in the following words, to be inserted immediately after the extract from the Constitution first above cited :

"Such consent, however, not being necessary in a case when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, *after having delivered up its effects*, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

It does not appear that any irregular appeals received formal action at the Session of 1845 ; but coming down to the last Session, (that of 1846) there is upon record the following, which took place in the forenoon of *Wednesday, September 23rd* :

"The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the memorial of certain Past Grands of the State of New York, and the counter memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of that State, in relation to a proposed change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, have considered the subject, and report :

"That they are of the opinion that the appeal cannot be entertained by this body for the following reasons :

"1st. *Because the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State, required by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge in all cases of appeal from the decision of the State Grand Bodies, does not appear to have been obtained.*

"2d. *Because the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge do not recognize the right of*

any individual or number of individuals to appeal to this body from any decision made by the State Grand Lodges

"3d. *Because this Grand Lodge, by repeated decisions at its last annual Session, refused to grant any such privilege, either with or without the consent of the State Grand Lodges.*

"The Committee therefore recommend that the appellants have leave to withdraw their appeal.

On the motion to adopt this report it was decided in the affirmative by a vote of more than two to one. The yeas and nays being required, they are recorded as follows :

"YEAS—Representatives Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Cook, De Saussure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Greenwood, Hoit, Judson, (2 votes,) Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Moore, Morris, Neally, (2 votes,) Page, Parker, (2 votes,) Patterson, Reid, Robinson, Salomon, Searcross, Seymour, Smith, Stuart, Stokes, Thomas, Thompson, White, Wood, P. G. S. Wildey, P. G. S. Hopkins—39.

"NAYS—Day, Dunkin, Garvin, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin, McNairy, Marley, Marshall, Parmenter, Ropes, Taylor, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson, (2 votes,) Weld, Whitney—18.

Again, in the forenoon of the NEXT DAY, (*Thursday, the 24th September, 1846,*) there is another report and decision as follows :

"The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of George W. Hopkins from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, confirming the expulsion of said Hopkins from De Kalb Lodge, have considered the subject, and report :

"*That although the sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina was granted to the appeal of Hopkins, the Committee are of opinion that it cannot be entertained by this body for the reason that this body does not recognize the right or privilege of individuals to appeal to it.*" And the Committee report a resolution directing that George W. Hopkins have leave to withdraw his papers.

Now, notwithstanding the series of consistent decisions by the Grand Lodge of the United States herein recited, extending over a number of years, we respectfully submit that on the afternoon of *Wednesday, the 24th of September*, ONLY SEVERAL HOURS SUBSEQUENT TO RECORDING THE ABOVE VOTE OF MORE THAN TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF THE UNIFORM PRACTICE, the case in which this Grand Lodge was literally an ABSENT PARTY was admitted, contrary to the remonstrance of its Representatives, and in the face of constitutional provisions so perfectly plain as never before to have led to a conflicting decision upon them. Why, in this case alone, the appeal of a *body of refractory members* was entertained and acted upon, when, *on the same day*, a similar request from a number of Past Grands, *in good standing*, was refused by the decisive vote of 39 to 18, is not for your memorialists to conjecture. They feel satisfied that no sufficient reason can be assigned why the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was not as much entitled to the protection of your Constitution as the Grand Lodge of New York, or any other Grand Lodge ; neither do they know of any reason why *individuals* petitioning from this District, even if their standing were equally fair, should have a privilege accorded to them that has been uniformly denied to others ; and therefore the proceeding of which they complain, involving as it does a violation of the General Constitution in a matter where its purposes are too evident to admit of doubt, cannot fail to attract the attention of the entire Order. If any part of the Constitution be exceptionable, let it be amended, but let it not be disregarded to accomplish any object, however laudable, lest such a proceeding shall serve as a precedent for some future act of wrong and violence

that might jeopard the confidence, the harmony, and unity of sentiment which has hitherto characterized our association.

On hearing of the legislation of the last Session by which the privileges of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia were invaded, your memorialists, unwilling to abandon the confidence which they have always reposed in the justice and wisdom of the Parent Body, directed their attention to the origin of this partial and unjust legislation. This was found to consist of a memorial contained in two separate documents, (one a printed pamphlet and the other a written paper,) so ingeniously and boldly drawn, as, in the absence of counter testimony, to command much more credit from the members of your honorable body than it was entitled to—an averment which your memorialists, without going into detail in refutation of its many erroneous statements, will substantiate in a manner as concise as possible, by contrasting a portion of its contents with the facts which it pretends to set forth.

The *printed* memorial, or pamphlet, professing to be a “Statement of Facts relative to the Suspension of Covenant Lodge,” and which was circulated amongst the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States early in the last Session, opens in the following imposing style :

“The memorialists desire to state, in the outset, that they intend to adhere to and base all their statements upon the eternal and safe principle of truth, and that, having done so, they will humbly but confidently commit their cause to that wisdom, moderation, and justice which they sincerely believe influence and actuate, in an eminent degree the majority of the members of the **GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES**. We approach you as men confident in our integrity and rectitude, both as it regards our intercourse with the world at large and the more intimate association which we have enjoyed with those we have considered our brethren. We profess to have as much intelligence, as much regard for law, to have been as eminent in deeds of charity and benevolence, as well to have sustained and carried out on every proper occasion the principles of our Order, to have been as a Lodge as harmonious, and to have possessed one another’s confidence to as great an extent, as have in any of these particulars our sister Lodges of the District.

“Of what then, it may be asked, has this Lodge been found guilty? This is the answer, ‘of insubordination;’ or, rather, it has been so declared, but the charge has neither been sustained nor proved. This Lodge, which has in such ample extent fulfilled its duties, both in its collective and individual capacity, has been charged with ‘insubordination,’ and in consequence thereof has been deprived of its warrant, and thus cut off from the privileges and benefits of the Order. It will be for you to determine, and to your decision we will most humbly and cheerfully submit, whether we have been guilty of any act of ‘insubordination,’ and if so, whether it was of so flagrant and aggravated a character as to merit the harsh and extreme punishment which was awarded and received.

“We feel a great reluctance to obtrude ourselves upon your time and patience, but we claim your attention as brethren, injured, and it may be crushed, but still as devoted to the same principles and ardent in the same cause as are any of you. We regard ourselves as deeply wronged, and while we will endeavor to be as brief as possible, we shall find it necessary, in order to a full understanding of our grievance, to revert to some extent to other circumstances not immediately connected with, but yet having such a bearing on this question as will be useful to you, it may be, in determining it, and, as we believe, to our satisfaction.”

Such is the beginning of the statement by Covenant members, which is certainly well devised to impress the reader with a full sense of the conscientiousness with which the memorialists approached him. It then proceeds in its averments, apparently endeavoring to create the belief that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, being located in Washington, was guilty of the short-sighted and suicidal policy of desiring to suppress the Order in Georgetown, and that, a charter having been granted to Covenant Lodge against the wishes of the Washington members, they had subsequently seized upon every occasion to persecute those who were enjoying its privileges. This, with a view, it would seem, to excite the sympathies of the body petitioned in behalf of what was represented to be a deeply-wronged Lodge, appears to be the point to which a large part of the memorial is more especially directed. But we will let this pamphlet again speak for itself. It says :

“To show that some unaccountable hostility has existed towards the members of this Lodge *from the beginning*, we submit an isolated fact, and leave the Grand Lodge of the United States to make its own deduction. Covenant Lodge, No. 13, petitioned for a charter in the winter of 1843. The petitioners consisted of some of our most respectable citizens. No Lodge had been in existence in our town for eight or ten years. There had previously existed two Lodges here, which, for reasons not necessary to name, had forfeited their charters. Among the applicants for the charter above referred to for Covenant Lodge, were four persons only who had been members of one or other of the above named defunct Lodges, and among these was the name of the present Grand Master of the District of Columbia ; the others were members then in good standing in Lodges in the city of Washington, though residing in Georgetown. We state these FACTS which no one will pretend to deny ; and now we ask what reasonable ground of objection could be urged against granting a charter to a certain number of respectable men, in a town with a population of eight thousand inhabitants, where there was no Lodge, *and had not been one for ten years*, while there were six in active operation in the city of Washington, but three short miles distant ? Yet there *was* objection, and objection of such a character *that it was with the GREATEST difficulty* that the charter was obtained ; yet, by the personal exertion of the applicants, *who traversed the eastern part of Washington, (Navy Yard,) where less hostility had been manifested than in the more central part of the city, and also the town of Alexandria, (where, to their honor be it said, they have always received us like brethren, and even in our misfortunes have clung to us with a nobleness of soul that is worthy of the name they bear, and for which we shall always feel grateful,) they succeeded in obtaining the attendance of the requisite number of Past Grands for securing the granting of a charter.* This hostility on the part of our Washington brethren, *which commenced with our being*, has continued to grow and manifest itself, as we have stated above, whenever an opportunity has occurred to call it into action. For this hostility, commenced in our incipiency, we can give no reason—no more can we for that which has grown with our growth and strengthened with our strength.”

And in such a strain of naked assertion does the pamphlet continue to indulge, occupying much more space than your present memorialists can devote to its consideration. It says that Covenant Lodge has on several occasions come into collision with the Grand Lodge of the District, but thinks the fault rested altogether with the Grand Lodge, and charges that body with reversing the decisions of Covenant Lodge when principle was involved, “and upon *questions* on which the Lodge had passed with

a *unanimous* voice." One such case being particularized, (at too great length to be here quoted,) the pamphlet "deems it unnecessary to revert to other cases;" and it is therein carefully recorded that, when the Grand Master demanded of the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge its books, papers, jewels, &c.—

"The Lodge was immediately convened, the fact was stated, and by a unanimous vote the Noble Grand was requested, so soon as a transcript of the proceedings touching the present case could be made, to deliver to the Grand Master the books, papers, &c. THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DONE."

And after the pamphlet, *which was anonymous*, and as positive in all its assertions as in the part we have cited, had been in possession of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States sufficiently long to be read and digested, on the third day of the Session its contents were endorsed by seventy-eight members of Covenant Lodge, in a *written* memorial, of which the following is a copy:

"To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F.:

"The undersigned memorialists, late members of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I O. O. F. of the District of Columbia, respectfully represent: That Covenant Lodge was, for insufficient reasons, as your memorialists believe, suspended on the 12th day of August last, and her charter withdrawn, by the action of the said Grand Lodge; and that, in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States requiring it, they presented an appeal to that body against said action, for its approval, on the evening of the 14th instant, (September,) for the purpose of bringing the subject before your honorable body, which approval, though said appeal was respectful in terms, and merely stated the facts of the case, the said Grand Lodge refused to grant, *on the ground that Covenant Lodge had failed to comply with the last requisition of the Grand Lodge, by withholding certain property held by said Covenant Lodge*, whereas Covenant Lodge did strictly conform to the law of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, *by delivering to the Grand Master every description of property specified therein*. Having failed to obtain the ratification of said appeal, your memorialists are compelled to apply to you by the only means left them, and they respectfully ask that you will give the subject a calm and deliberate examination. For a full explanation of the subject they beg leave to refer you to the accompanying printed '*Statement of Facts*,' and your memorialists will ever pray.

Joseph Libbey, P. G.

J. H. Craig,

W. H. Craig, P. G.

Joseph F. Birch,

Henry M. Hurdle,

Francis A. Lutz, P. G.

John W. Bronaugh,

Charles Myers, P. G.

J. A. Morgan,

Jos. S. Semmes, P. G.

William Sullivan,

Joseph Reynolds,

Wm. H. Marll,

G. H. Hopkins,

William E. Myers,

Robert Ould,

Daniel S. Grove, P. G.

John Bying,

George Austler,

Wm. Bradshaw,

Henry Robner, P. G.

John Easton,

L. Unger,

G. W. Drew,

J. A. Newman,

Edward Godey,

Geo. S. Niell,

Alfred Tippet,

Ralph Colborn,

Thos. Jewell, P. G.

H. Addison,

G. T. Hilleary,

George Chamberlain,

Robert Griffin,

John Hughes,

Robert Morris,

Robert Hughes,

Wm. J. Hall,

James A. Barnes, P. G.

John Fisher,

Wm. H. Simms,

Samuel Kelley,

Horatio Beall,

J. R. Pleasants,

Walter Godey,

Alex. E. Beall,	A. L. Settle, Sec'ry.	John C. Kropfhisser,
Samuel Sullivan,	James R. Rodier,	Esau Pickrell,
Caleb Sebastian,	Wm. Shanks,	Peter Berry,
Joseph Libbey, Jr.	John Payne,	Henry Payne,
C. H. Rodier,	Hugh Caperton, Jr.	Philip Meig,
Joseph Nicholson,	N. Thos. Browning, P. G.	Hiram U. Wadsworth,
W. F. Seymour,	George Craig,	D. W. Oyster,
Thomas Probey,	George Harrison,	W. Lang,
Benjamin Bohen,	Samuel Sullivan,	Samuel Drury,
H. W. Edwards,	Geo. M. Sothoron, P. G.	Wm. Lightfoot,
Wm. Godey,	W. H. Tenney,	Geo. Weisinger.

Your present memorialists cannot reconcile it with their sense of propriety to trespass upon the time and patience of your honorable body by entering upon a general review of these remarkable documents. Enough is cited to exhibit the spirit as well as the averments on which the petitioners relied to make out their case; and which in the absence of this Grand Lodge, or of any opportunity for it to be heard, proved sufficient to mislead the minds of those whose office it was to pass judgment in the premises.

To know, from its action, that such statements obtained the confidence of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that they were effectual to accomplish a great wrong to the Grand Lodge of this District, imposes on your present memorialists the duty of producing record evidence in answer to charges so gravely and injuriously set forth and published; and this shall be done in a manner to avoid all unnecessary comment, and occupy no more of your time than is required to state the facts.

First, then, in regard to the opposition which the members of Covenant Lodge represent themselves to have encountered in obtaining their charter—all the details of which are so circumstantially stated, and made the basis of vituperation and defamation of the Grand Lodge of this District.

Your present memorialists have carefully examined the record, and find that Jonathan Lodge, of Georgetown, surrendered her charter on the 8th of July, 1839, and that Covenant Lodge was chartered on the 10th of April, 1843, leaving an interregnum of the Order in Georgetown of only three years and nine months, instead of ten years, as asserted by Covenant members.

They also find that the vote by which the charter of Covenant Lodge was granted was very nearly two to one, being 34 yeas to 18 nays, as follows:

YEAS.—*From the East.*—A. G. Herold, Thos. March, Chas. Gordon, W. B. Inch, C. H. Venable, Thos. Kelly, Samuel Nelson, J. W. Fergusson, J. D. Bland, S. H. Marks, J. Hall, J. Kliendenst, (12.) *From Central Washington.*—W. H. Burdine, H. Lee, J. G. Robinson, J. T. Walker, J. W. Watson, Joseph Beardsley, J. C. McKelden, Thomas Mitchell, G. Powell, John Sessford, Jr., R. Waters, T. R. Gray, J. M. Jamison, S. Stettinius, J. T. Towers, Owen Summers, Thomas Owens, U. Hurst, (18.) *From Alexandria.*—H. M. Steele, B. E. Buchanan, (2.) *From West End, adjoining Georgetown.*—J. E. Serrin, H. Gatton, (2.)—**TOTAL 34.**

NAYS.—*From the East.*—Joseph Padgett, G. Grant, Jas. Ferguson, Wm. Tucker, P. M. Pearson, (5.) *From Central Washington.*—E. Edmonston, W. W. Stewart, Joseph Stephenson, T. C. Donn, J. T. Clements, R. B. Griffin, Wm. Lloyd, D. C. Read, J. B.

Clarke, J. B. Ford, (10.) *From Alexandria*.—Henry Cryss, (1.) *From West End, adjoining Georgetown*.—Charles Calvert and Thomas Farquhar, (2.)—TOTAL 18.

A glance at the above vote, which is classified according to the sectional divisions of the District, will disclose the fact that the Washington members, both Central and Eastern, were nearly two to one in favor of granting the charter, and that, if none of the other sections had been represented, the Central members alone would have granted it by nearly two to one.

It also discloses that the charter was *not* obtained "with the greatest difficulty," and that the "traversing of the Eastern part of Washington," and "the town of Alexandria," in order to obtain votes to secure it, was entirely unnecessary.

It may be further observed, that, notwithstanding the high eulogium bestowed upon the members of Alexandria, in contrasting their friendly disposition with the hostility of those of Washington, only *three* of the former attended, after being, as it would seem, most urgently solicited to do so, and *one* of these voted against the charter. The vote of the West End, separated from Georgetown only by a creek, was tied.

In view of these facts, what foundation is there for the charge made against the Washington members of being hostile to the Order in Georgetown?

We next come to the charge made against your present memorialists of having disregarded the unanimous decisions of Covenant Lodge. We know of but *one* such case, and that was the case of appeal from a member who had been expelled without having notice of the charges against him, or of the committee appointed to investigate them, or of the time and place of meeting of the committee, or any other opportunity to defend himself. This proceeding of Covenant Lodge was not sustained by this Grand Lodge, nor do your memorialists believe it would have been sustained by any other Grand Lodge in the country. The vote here was unanimous upon it, excepting only *one* vote from Washington and *five* from the Covenant members. As to the "other cases" which the Covenant members "deem it unnecessary to revert to," we know not why the phrase is used unless to round off a period. At all events we know nothing of any other case where the unanimous decision of their Lodge was reversed on appeal.

And now we reach the most important point—that averment contained in both the written and printed documents, on the correctness of which rested the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to entertain the Covenant petition—namely, *that their Lodge had surrendered its effects*. We meet these assertions by presenting the official papers which relate to them.

The following are the proceedings of Covenant Lodge on the night of which they bear date, as copied from her record book :

"GEORGETOWN, August 13, 1846,

"Covenant Lodge, No. 13.

"The Lodge met pursuant to a public call, when N. G. Sangster informed the Lodge that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia had, on Wednesday evening, *suspended indefinitely* Covenant Lodge, No 13, and that he had been requested by the Grand Master of the District to demand of this Lodge her charter, books, &c.

"P. G. Drury was called to the chair.

"P. G. Jewell offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., *suspended*, be requested

to deliver to the Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia, *the charter, working books, and such other articles AS WERE RECEIVED FROM said Grand Lodge.*

"Attest,

A. L. SETTLE, Secretary."

The following is an extract from the official report of the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge. It is dated on the 31st of August, nineteen days after the act of suspension :

"GEORGETOWN, D. C., August 31, 1846.

"To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Members

of the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the District of Columbia :

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—Covenant Lodge, No. 13, of Georgetown, D. C., of which I was N. G., being suspended by your R. W. body, and a demand having been made upon me for the books, charter, &c., by the chief executive of the Order in the District of Columbia, and not being able fully to comply with such a demand, I ask leave to submit the following as a statement of facts and circumstances, as they occurred, with such other remarks as may suggest themselves as I pass along :

"Early on Thursday morning, the 13th instant, I called on Brother A. L. Settle, Secretary, for the books, papers, &c., in his possession, and he replied that he should not give them up unless by a vote of the Lodge. I next called on Brother Caleb Sebastian, (Steward.) for the keys, when he stated that they had been handed over to the proper authorities. Supposing he meant the Trustees, I called on them, neither of whom had the keys. I then learned that P. G. Myers had them. I then called on P. G. Myers for them, and stated my object in wishing to obtain them ; and his reply was that he could not give them up, as they wished to hold a meeting that evening, after which he would give them up *to the Lodge*. I then called on Brother H. M. Hurdle, Treasurer, who stated he was ready to comply with the requisition as soon as he could get his book from the Finance Committee. On the evening of the same day we held a meeting, when I took the chair, called the meeting to order, and explained the condition of the Lodge, and what the demand of the Grand Master was, and what was my duty as N. G., and what my obligation and the constitution that I had pledged my most sacred honor to support and enforce required at my hands ; and then in open meeting made the demand according to the constitution and laws of the Order, and at the same time read the constitution and a part of my obligation touching that point, and hoped the Lodge would give them up in good faith, and not resist the demand of the Grand Lodge, and then left the chair."

"[The letter then states the proceedings which took place, which are above copied from the record book, and then proceeds:]

"And now, in presenting the seal of the Lodge, together with the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, (all that I shall be able to obtain of Covenant Lodge,) it is gratifying for me to say that, although all the Brothers on whom I made the demand, except Brother Hurdle, refused to comply with such demand, yet they all acted kindly, politely, and brotherly, and only refused upon the ground that they believed the Grand Lodge had not gone according to their constitution and laws of the Order, and, to say the least, had acted hastily and unfeelingly with Covenant Lodge. * *

"CHAS. F. SANGSTER,

"N. G. of Covenant Lodge, suspended."

The following is the testimony of the Grand Master of this District, *three months after the suspension*, (and subsequently to the adjournment of your last session,) which corresponds with his previous report to this Grand Lodge :

"MONDAY, November 16, 1846.

"SIR AND BROTHER.—Your note of the 14th instant has been received, in which you say : 'Will you have the goodness to state for the information of the committee to whom the subject is referred, the precise number and nature of the articles surrendered by Covenant Lodge at the time of her suspension?' In reply I have to state that Covenant Lodge did, a few days (precise time I do not recollect) after her suspension, deliver to the then N. G., Charles P. Sangster, and by him turned over to me, the following, viz :

"The charter without the frame ; the seal ; two working books ; two degree books ; record book No. 2, (No. 1 retained by the members of said Lodge,) and Treasurer's book, without money or vouchers ; which I believe comprises every article that said Lodge did surrender."

"The above information is from memory, and perhaps may be relied on, yet it would be safer perhaps to get the information from Brother Donn, who doubtless took an inventory, as they were deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

"Respectfully yours, in F., L. and T.,

LEVIN JONES, G. M.

"I hereby certify that I have examined the above list of enumerated articles surrendered by Covenant Lodge, and find it correct as per minutes.

"THOMAS C. DONN, Grand Secretary.

Covenant Lodge was in possession of all the necessary regalia, emblems, and furniture pertaining to a respectable Lodge, and had besides surplus money in her treasury. The above official papers show what was surrendered. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which is the paramount law applicable to the case, in designating what shall be surrendered, uses the word EFFECTS, which signifies proper-

ty of every description. We respectfully submit to your honorable body whether this law was complied with, and whether, without such compliance, the petition against which we now remonstrate was justly and properly entertained.

On this issue, the only one which your memorialists now present, they flatter themselves that no member of your honorable body can hesitate in his opinion. They have no desire further to agitate this subject than is demanded by respect for themselves and a just regard for the rights of their Grand Lodge, as well as of the Order generally, whose guarantied privileges they believe to have been unlawfully assailed through them.—Neither have they the remotest desire to open the question between this Grand Lodge and Covenant Lodge. Having promptly complied with the mandate which the Grand Lodge of the United States thought proper to issue in the premises, and having had no cause to regret such compliance, the only objects of your present memorialists are, to place the subject before you and the Order at large in its true light, and to repel the unjust imputations contained in the report of your committee, which was confirmed by a vote of your honorable body. Your memorialists deem this to be an imperative duty, and they have not hesitated to perform it frankly and fully, and at the same time respectfully; and, having done so, they will content themselves with whatever action may be had on the subject, fully satisfied that the *impartial* investigator after *Truth* will have *Charity* sufficient to do them *Justice*—and with this they will be satisfied.

Unanimously approved in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on this 18th day of September, 1847, and ordered to be laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States; also, that copies thereof be transmitted to the respective Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the United States.

[L. s.] Attest: JOSEPH BORROWS, *Grand Master*.
 THOMAS C. DONN, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. Afron, of Ala., presented various memorials of Subordinate Lodges in favor of and counter to the removal of the seat of government of the Grand Lodge of that State, and the resolutions of Cahawba Lodge of that State upon the six months law; also, the memorial of P. G. Salomon, of Ala., against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the memorial of P. G. Salomon was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion, the residue of the memorials were referred to the same committee.

Rep. Jones, of Illinois, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Sire, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend the following distribution for adoption, viz:

That so much of the report as relates to "propositions in various State Grand Lodges to change the fundamental laws upon which State Grand Lodges are organized," be referred to a select committee of five.

So much as refers to the institution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and Grand

and Subordinate Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge, since its last session, be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Returns.

So much as refers to petitions for the institution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Grand and Subordinate Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

So much as refers to a dispensation issued by P. G. Watson, be referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order*.

So much as refers to an amendment of the By-Laws of this G. Lodge, in relation to petitions for chartering Subordinate Lodges, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as refers to the revenue of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

So much as refers to a request of the Grand Lodge of Texas, be referred to the Committee on unrepresented Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

So much as refers to the reclamation of the charters granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges, in England, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as refers to an appeal from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, in relation to elections, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

So much as refers to the Grand Lodge of British North America, be referred to a Special Committee.

So much as refers to the discussion of the internal affairs of our institution, be referred to a select committee.

S. S. JONES,

D. T. CLARK,

ALBERT G. DAY.

G. Secretary presented the reports of D. D. G. Sire, which on motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Bain, of Va., submitted the following, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Is it according to the laws of the Order for a Noble Grand, or Chief Patriarch, under any circumstances, to give the A. T. P. to any other than a member of his own Lodge or Encampment?

Can an individual belong to an Encampment in one State, and a Lodge in another, there being a Lodge and Encampment in each place?

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

I. O. O. F., R. W. Grand Encampment of S. C.

Extract from the minutes of the Annual Communication held at Charleston, S. C., on January 2, 1847.

"WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. I. O. O. F., at its session in September, 1846, passed the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge, to one of its members who is also member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once the connection with his Encampment ; but on the renewal of his membership in a Subordinate Lodge, his membership in his Encampment is thereby renewed. *Provided*, such renewal shall occur within one month from the date of such withdrawal card."—p. 352. *And whereas* it would appear from the said resolution to be obligatory upon such member to again become attached to an Encampment of Patriarchs, therefore,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representative of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of U. S., at its next session, be instructed to enquire whether such is the construction to be placed upon the said resolution : Whether such member by the renewal of membership in a Subordinate Lodge, is obliged to become a member of his Encampment again, although against his desire so to do, and whether he must under such circumstances apply to his Encampment for a withdrawal card before his connection therewith will be severed."

True extract from the minutes.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE, *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion referred to a Select Committee. The Chair named Griffin, of Ga., Ellison, of Mass., Moore of D. of C. as the Committee.

R. W. Grand Encampment of South Carolina, I. O. O. F.

Extract from the minutes of the semi-annual communication, held at Charleston, South Carolina, on June 30, 1847.

"On motion the R. W. Grand Representative was directed to communicate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, that in the opinion of this Grand Encampment the establishment of an educational system is inexpedient."

True extract from the minutes.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can the Constitution of a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, or an amendment thereto be valid unless the same be submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

Rep. Jones, of Illinois, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were read and adopted. The Chair named on the committee, MacRae, of N. C., Simons, of R. I., Lilly, of N. J.

WHEREAS the G. Lodge of the State of Illinois, at its last annual session, passed a resolution removing the Grand Lodge of that State from Springfield to the city of Peoria, provided the Subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge of the United States concur therein; and whereas several of such Subordinate Lodges have concurred in such removal, by petitioning this G. Lodge for the same; and whereas, certain other of said Subordinate Lodges have remonstrated against said removal, therefore,

Resolved, That said petitions and remonstrances, together with the action of said Grand Lodge, be referred to a special committee of three

Rep. Neally, of Maine, presented the Constitution of Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the subject of education, which was referred to the Committee already named on that subject.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, on the subject of Education, which was referred to the same committee.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, on the same subject, which, on his motion, was referred to the same committee.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the revised Constitution of Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. AtLee, of District of Columbia, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, which was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of Indiana, praying for a Grand Encampment in that State, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Anderson, of N. C., presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, May 10, 1847.

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States thought proper, at its last annual session, to change the term of service for Officers of Subordinate Lodges from three to six months. And whereas, the said alteration was made without any previous expression of opinion from the members of Subordinate Lodges, without being called for by any irregularity in the working of the old

system or dissatisfaction with the three months term; and whereas, we believe it will operate injuriously to the Order in this State,—therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be instructed to urge the repeal of the law requiring six months terms, and a return to the ancient usage of the Order—three months terms.

Rep. Brown, of Miss., presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of that State, praying for a Grand Encampment, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report upon the expediency of abolishing the use of prayers, in conferring degrees in Subordinate Encampments.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of so changing the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as to provide that they shall hereafter be held at the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rep. Ellison of Mass., presented the petition of Alfred Mudge, of Mass., praying indemnity for losses sustained by him, by reason of the law of the last Session, forbidding the publication of the Odes, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Lilly, of N. J., the claim of Bro. Taylor, of N. J., on the same subject, was referred to the same committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.—Present: M. W. Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock in the Chair; the same officers as of the Session of yesterday, and a due representation.

Prayer by the Rev. brother James D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The journal of the Session of yesterday being in progress of reading, on motion the further reading was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from G. Patriarch William Towers, upon the subject of Diplomas, and the action of some of the Encampments in that jurisdiction in relation thereto, which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Bain of Va., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Art. VIII to be so amended as to read,

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively, on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, except Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, who shall ever be entitled to his single vote.

Rep. Clarke, of Conn., presented the appeal of Lodge No 24, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion of Rep. Clarke, of N. J., the subjects of difficulty between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania were referred to a special committee.

Rep. Griffin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in obedience to the resolution passed on the motion of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, have inquired into the expediency of so

amending the Constitution as to change the location of the Grand Lodge from Baltimore to Cincinnati.

The provision of the Constitution, (Art. XI,) is, that the meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as may from time to time be determined. No amendment would be necessary, therefore, to change the location. A simple law would effect the object.

The Committee are convinced that the proposed change would not be beneficial.—The position of Baltimore presents peculiar advantages which no other city could offer. It is midway between the North and the South, on the great highway of trade and travel, and easily accessible from all sections of the country. The selection originally was fortuitous, but the Committee consider it one of the happiest accidents in our career. Under any circumstances the change should be made with reluctance, as the Grand Lodge has been chartered by the State of Maryland; but after a careful estimate of its merits, the Committee are satisfied that there is no sound reason for deserting the cradle of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the reports of the D. D. G. Sires, have examined the same, and find nothing that requires the action of this body at the present time. They recommend that said reports be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry presented to the Grand Lodge by Rep. Day, of Ohio, report, that the Grand Encampment degree can only be conferred during the session of a Grand Encampment. It should regularly be given in the hall in which the Grand Encampment is assembled, but by special permission, and to prevent the cessation of other business, it may be given in some contiguous room.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to re-commit the report to the committee, with instructions to include the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees of Subordinate Lodges in their inquiry, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, instructed under the resolution offered by

Rep. Lilly, of New Jersey, to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the use of prayer in Subordinate Encampments, report, That under the law as it now stands, it is discretionary with the Encampments to use prayer or not, *at the opening and closing.* (*By-Laws, Art. 24, as amended, page 965.*) *In the conferring of the Degrees,* the prayers are an integral part of the work and cannot be abandoned without destroying its symmetry.

Respectfully submitted.

HOBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J.W. STOKES

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order report on the propriety and expediency of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia permitting her Subordinates to admit to membership Members of Congress and others who are citizens of States and towns where Lodges are in existence, in violation of Article 30 of the By-Laws of this body.

Rep Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave respectfully to report, as correct, the certificates of P. G. John H. Wakefield, as a Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and P. G. Ezra Clark, Jr., as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
E. F. MACDONOUGH.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented various communications in relation to the location of the Grand Lodge of that State, which were, on his motion, referred to a special committee.

Rep. Taylor, of S. C., submitted the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That the work of the Encampment be submitted to a special committee, to inquire into the expediency of removing the prayers from the form of initiation, and place them in such a manner in the work as to leave their use optional with the Encampment.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., to lay the subject on the table, it was resolved in the negative ; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Brown, of N. H., Davis, of Mass., Day, Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Kerlin, Moore, Morris, McKinnell, Sessford, Senter, Smith, Stokes, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager—23,

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Coffin, Clark, of Conn., Demick, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, Holmes, Hough, Haines, Jones, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, MacRae, McCauley, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Spooner, Simons, Taylor of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson—36.

The question recurring upon the resolution, it was not agreed to ; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of N. C., Affron, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Brown of N. H., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Coffin, Clark, of Conn., Demick, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, Holmes, Hough, Haines, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, Neally, Parker, Senter, Simons, Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Wilson—29.

NAYS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Brewer, Davis, of Mass., Day, Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes,)

MacDonough, Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Roche, Sessford, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Taylor, of Md., Williamson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager—34.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following committees, provided for by the report of the committee on distributing the several subjects referred to in his annual report :

Propositions to change the fundamental laws upon which State Grand Lodges are organized : Reps. Moore, Woodruff, Yeager, Marshall, Holmes.

Grand Lodge of British North America : Reps. Williamson, Stokes, Taylor, of S. C.

Discussion of the internal affairs of the institution in the public press : Reps. Wells, of Mass., Brown, of Miss., Simons, of R. I.

Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., offered the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was read and ordered to lie on the table for one day under the rule :

“Resolved, That the words “Grand Lodge,” be stricken out in Article 8 of the By-Laws.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following order, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to the installation of the officers elect this day at 12 o'clock.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

“Resolved, That the following question be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.—Does the order of business for Subordinate Lodges in the new work, prevent Subordinates opening again during the same meeting in a head of business once passed through?

The Chair announced the following Special Committee, on the subject of the location of the Grand Lodge of Ohio : Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., McCauley, of Md., and Theobald, of Maine.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., the applications for Subordinate Lodges in Brazil, in Caraccas, and Honolulu, now in the hands of the Committee on Petitions, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

In consequence of the conflicting practice in the Order, a report from the Committee on the State of the Order is required on the following queries :

1. Can the Junior Warden in an Encampment exercise the duties of Chief Patriarch, by virtue of his office, in the absence of the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden?

2. Is it competent for any member of an Encampment, other than a High Priest or P. H. P. to exercise the duties of High Priest?

3. Are Past High Priests of equal grade with Past Chief Patriarchs, and equally competent to petition for a Grand Encampment, and hold seats in Grand Encampments?

4. On the expediency of admitting those in possession of the Grand Encampment Degrees to full membership in a Grand Encampment.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred applications, which were all in due form, for the establishment of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, respectively as follows, viz :

For a Grand Encampment of the State of North Carolina, to be located at Wilmington, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia, to be located at the city of Macon, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment in the State of Mississippi, without any place of location being proposed.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Tennessee, to be located at the city of Nashville, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Michigan, to be located at the village of Kalamazoo, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Indiana, to be located at the city of Indianapolis, in that State.

For a Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin, to be located in the city of Milwaukee, in that State, respectfully recommend that charters be granted in each case as applied for,* and that the Grand Encampment of the State of Mississippi be located at the city of Natchez, that being the seat of the Grand Lodge of that State.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee on the subjects of difference between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania: Reps. Coffin, of N. Y., Anderson, of N. C., and Davis, of Mass.

Rep. Yohe, of Pa., from the committee on that subject, made a report on the deferred business of last session which was made the special order for eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Holmes, of Mo., and Rep. Taylor, S. C., presented proceedings of their respective Grand Lodges on the subject of Education, which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred sundry applications for the institution of Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and warrants for which have been issued since the last communication, beg leave to report, and recommend as follows:

That the warrant issued on the 5th Nov., 1846, upon the petition of C. S. Dana, S. B. Matlack, J.

*The several Grand Bodies chartered in pursuance of this report (except Georgia, whose return could not be found) were established as follows:

Grand Encampment of North Carolina.—Instituted at Wilmington, July 16th, 1847.—Israel Disoway, G. Patriarch; D. Cook, M. E. G. H. P.; John C. Wood, G. S. Warden; Duncan McKee, G. J. Warden; Alfred Bryant, G. Scribe; Junius D. Gardner, G. Treasurer; W. C. Howard, G. Sentinel; F. L. Guess, D. G. Sentinel.

Grand Encampment of Mississippi.—Instituted at Natchez, January 17th, 1848.—John R. Stockman, M. W. G. P.; Cyrus S. Megoun, M. E. G. H. P.; Thomas Hackett, R. W. G. S. W.; C. Theodore Vennigerholz, R. W. G. Scribe; Samuel Barnes, R. W. G. Treasurer; L. K. Barber, R. W. G. J. W.; Charles Stietenroth, W. G. Sentinel.

Grand Encampment of Tennessee.—Instituted at Nashville, July. 21st, 1847.—George W. Wilson, M. W. G. Patriarch; Donald Cameron, M. E. G. H. Priest; N. E. Perkins, R. W. G. S. Warden; C. K. Clark, R. W. G. J. Warden; G. P. Smith, R. W. G. Scribe; John Cattart, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Grand Encampment of Michigan.—Instituted at Kalamazoo, Feb. 3d, 1847.—John Winder, M. W. G. Patriarch; J. C. Larrimore, M. E. G. H. Priest; W. M. Choate, R. W. G. S. Warden; D. S. Walbridge, R. W. G. Scribe; George W. Hooffman, R. W. G. J. Warden; Wm. J. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasurer; D. D. Sinclair, W. G. Sentinel.

Grand Encampment of Indiana.—Instituted at Indianapolis, Jan. 10th, 1849.—Christian Bucher, G. C. P.; P. B. Brown, G. H. P.; J. P. Chapman, G. S. W.; A. W. Gordon, G. J. W.; Willis W. Wright, G. Scribe; E. Hedderly, G. T.; D. Craighead, G. Sentinel.

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.—Instituted at Milwaukee, June 9th, 1847.—John D. Kinsman, M. W. G. Master; A. Kent, D. G. M.; Wm. M. Cunningham, G. W.; Rufus King, G. S.; Eli Bates, T.; D. McDonald, G. C.

S. H. Weeks, J. H. Paddock, Jas. Boles, John Kelsey and D. Boyerton, for the institution of "Caledonia Lodge, No. 6," to be located at Danville, Caledonia county, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 16th Dec., 1846, upon the petition of A. B. Childs, A. L. Pettee, D. G. Colburn, A. Haynes and Orson Flagg, for the institution of "Social Lodge, No. 7," at Wilmington, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 14th January, 1847, upon the petition of R. M. Fuller, E. A. Stansbury, C. H. Hall, T. D. Chapman and C. S. Green, for the institution of "Vergennes Lodge, No. 8," at Vergennes, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 17th January, 1847, upon the petition of C. Gibson, B. Golden, P. Johnson, W. B. Booth, S. M. Robinson, Jr., and R. H. Coventry, for the institution of "Stark Lodge, No. 9," at Bennington, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 25th of January, 1847, upon the petition of G. W. Strong, F. W. Hopkins, J. B. Porter, C. Porter and E. Pierpont, for the institution of "Otter Creek Lodge, No. 10," at Rutland, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 13th February, 1847, upon the petition of N. Parker, A. C. Spear, J. C. Mead, J. S. Ware and M. G. Rathbun, for the institution of "Lake Dunmore Lodge, No. 11," at Middlebury, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 2nd March, 1847, upon the petition of J. Thorington, T. V. Blackmore, J. McCormick, P. M. Firor and S. Schoolfield, for the institution of "Davenport Lodge, No. 8," at Davenport, Iowa, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 6th of April, 1847, upon the petition of N. H. Heming, G. E. Skinner, E. W. Prentiss, S. Jessup, William Brunt, T. F. Taylor, C. P. Goff and N. H. Suttle, for the institution of "Sinsinawa Lodge, No. 16," at Hazel Green, Wisconsin, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 3rd of February, 1847, upon the petition of P. O. Wing, N. M. Havens, S. Stevens, T. J. McBain and Wm. A. Briinson, for the institution of "Jefferson Lodge, No. 3," at Monticello, Jefferson county, Florida, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 12th of May, 1847, upon the petition of S. Hopman, C. F. Peake, E. A. Leavenworth, W. Yancey and W. E. Sackett, for the institution of "Pensacola Lodge, No. 4," at Pensacola, Florida, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 11th of February, 1847, for the institution of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 14," at Janesville, Wisconsin; and the warrant issued on the 12th of February, 1847, for the institution of "Halcyon Lodge, No. 15," at Whitewater, Wisconsin, be each ratified and confirmed.

J. P. CHAPMAN,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,

J. HARRISON KELLY.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is it proper for a Royal Purple member who has never passed the chair of C. P. or H. P. to administer an obligation in an Encampment, in the absence of the proper officer, to candidates upon receiving the degrees?

Rep. Simon, of R. I., presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, upon the subject of Education, which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, submitted the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary in the printing of the proceedings of this body, is fully authorized to exclude such portions of them which relate to the Work of the Order, as he may deem proper.

Pending the consideration of the resolution, the hour having arrived, fixed for the Installation of Grand Officers, on motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the Grand Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass, of Pa., being presented by P. G. Sire Wildey and P. D. G. Sire Moore at the foot of the chair, and having been qualified by the M. W. G. Sire, according to the requisitions of the Constitution and Laws, and invested with the Regalia of his office, was formally conducted to the chair, and proclaimed the duly installed M. W. G. Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of North America, after the ancient form.

P. G. M. Newell A. Thompson, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire,

" " " James L. Ridgely, R. W. G. R. and C. Secretary,

" " " Andrew E. Warner, R. W. G. Treasurer, were then each introduced by P. G. Sire Wildey and P. G. M. AtLee, and installed into their respective offices.

The ceremony of installation being closed, the M. W. Grand Sire addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

REPRESENTATIVES—Called upon, as I have been, to preside over your deliberations, I should be uncandid if I did not confess the poor ability with which I approach this station of honor and responsibility. Relying, however, upon that kind and forbearing spirit, which it is the peculiar province of our institution to foster and exhibit, I feel that I need not hesitate in entering upon the Sireship's complicated duties, a discreet and full discharge of which will, at all times, in a great degree, contribute to preserve the peace, secure the integrity, and advance the prosperity of the Order.

Still, important and arduous as may be the functions of the chief executive officer, while presiding during the Session, yet it is obvious that they but feebly compare with those which that officer, under our fundamental rules, finds imposed upon him, when the Representatives of the States, retiring from the scene of their honorable and benevolent labors, commit the general welfare to his guidance and control. Then indeed must he feel the weight of high official duty.

When so separated, deprived of your wise counsels, I shall realize the entire responsibility of this position, I trust that if I cannot merit the applause of our extended brotherhood, I can, at least, escape censure—that if my administration is not distinguished by any great measure of general utility, it will, nevertheless, not be marked by any departure from well settled landmarks. Such is my earnest hope, and if a devotion to the principles of Odd-Fellowship, enkindled by a conviction of the substantial benefit which their enforcement invariably affords, can lead me to its realization, then surely I will not be disappointed.

The following Grand Officers were appointed by the Chair, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution :

P. G. Rev. James D. McCabe, of Va., W. G. Chaplain,

“ Smith Skinner, of Pa., W. G. Marshal,

“ Samuel L. Harris, of D. of C., W. G. Guardian,

“ John E. Chamberlain, of Md., W. G. Messenger, who were severally conducted to their respective offices.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business, when,

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Tenn., the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock, for the dignity, courtesy, and ability with which he has presided over its deliberations, and the able discharge of his laborious duties, during the term of his official service as M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary cause a copy of the above resolution, properly attested, to be inserted in a diploma, and presented to P. G. Sire Thomas Sherlock.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the affirmative.

TUESDAY, September 21, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire, presiding; the same officers as of the morning Session, and a due Representation.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted the following, being his Annual Report, which, on motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., was referred to a select committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees. The Chair named Reps. AtLee, of D. of C., McCauley, of Md., and Kelly, of Va., as the committee.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY, }
 R. W. G. L. U. S., *Baltimore, Sept. 20, 1847.* }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In conformity to the law imposing the duty upon the Grand Secretary, the undersigned has the honor to present his Annual Report.

The subjoined resolutions embrace all the subjects of duty directed to be performed by him during the recess :

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to prepare and have printed with each Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, a correct Index, and also an Index for the Journals from 1843 to the present Session, and that a suitable compensation be awarded him for the work.
2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and execute new charters for Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, and to add to such new charters short memoranda, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, of the date of the original charters, and the circumstances under which the substitutes were granted.
3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish each member and officer of this body, as soon after its adjournment as practicable, with a copy of the daily Journal.
4. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Sire Thomas Sherlock, R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds thereof, in such manner as they may deem safe and expedient, and that such investment be made as soon as practicable after the present Session : provided, however, that no such investment shall be made without the unanimous consent of the above named officers.
5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed, as soon as may be after the close of this Grand Lodge, to write to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, whose returns are here reported incorrect, and to state in said letter the substance of said incorrectness.
6. *Resolved*, That a charter for the Grand Lodge of British North America, be prepared and duly authenticated, and its delivery confided to the M. W. G. S. and G. C. Secretary, conforming to the conditions in all respects of the resolutions authorizing the grant.
7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the resolutions in the matter of appeal of Covenant Lodge, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.
8. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to take immediate steps for the return of the charters and books granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England.
9. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate to the R. W. Australian Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., the acknowledgment of the reception of their courteous letter, and to tender the assurances of the high respect of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and of our warm and abiding interest in their welfare and prosperity.
10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to copy in the book of diagrams of the unwritten Work of the Order, the explanations of the same, contained in the old book of illustrations, and that the said old book of illustrations be by him immediately thereafter destroyed.
11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses, and their highest titles in the Order.
12. *Resolved*, That the several State Grand Lodges are hereby earnestly requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order of a general system of education, and to devise and forward to this Grand Lodge plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand.
- Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the above report and resolution to the several State Grand Lodges.
13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to procure a sufficient number of desks and chairs for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to purchase the same.

In obedience to the first resolution, an Index to the Journal of the last Session, and also to the Journals for the years 1844 and 1845, was prepared, and accompanied the volume of proceedings issued, as soon after the close of the Session as was practicable.

The second resolution has been complied with by the delivery to the proper authorities of Georgia, the new charters designated, handsomely prepared in diploma form, with the memoranda detailed in the resolution conspicuously written upon the face of the instruments.

The third, fourth, fifth, and seventh resolutions have been literally carried out as they respectively direct.

A charter was prepared as provided in the sixth resolution, conforming in all respects to the conditions and qualifications upon which the Grand Lodge of British North America was erected into an Independent Sovereignty, duly authenticated by the Grand Officers, and delivered by the hands of Deputy Grand Sire Case to that

body, by whom it was duly accepted, and under which that jurisdiction now holds its being. A copy of which is herewith submitted.

The Corresponding Secretary regrets to inform the Grand Lodge that all his efforts to reclaim the warrants and books granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England, have been unavailing, having received no answers whatever to several letters of inquiry addressed on that subject. There is reason, however, to believe that the books are in safe hands, since but two copies were sent out, and those entrusted to brethren in good standing in Lodges of this country.

The Corresponding Secretary took great pleasure very soon after the close of the last Session, in carrying into effect the wishes of the Grand Lodge as embodied in the ninth resolution, by addressing a communication to the Grand Lodge of Australia, "expressive of the high respect of the Grand Lodge of the United States for that body, and of its warm and abiding interest in their welfare and prosperity." This document was sent to New Haven under cover of P. G. M. Henry L. Miller, late Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, by whom it doubtless received its proper direction.

The tenth resolution has been obeyed, and the Book of Diagrams, with their proper illustrations, is now safely deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The old book has not been destroyed as the resolution directs, but has been preserved to the end, that the fidelity of the copy may be avouched by a committee of your honorable body, at your present Session.

The eleventh resolution has been conformed to, so far as it was in the power of the Secretary correctly to rank the Representatives of the last Session from the materials in his possession.

The undersigned caused a printed circular to be distributed to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, communicating the report and resolutions referred to in the twelfth resolution: to this circular responses have been received officially from but few of the bodies to which it was directed. So far as an expression of opinion has been made upon the proposition, I sincerely regret to say that it has been for the most part of an adverse character, superinduced, however, it is believed, and very respectfully suggested, by a misconception of the question; the abstract subject embodied in the report of the committee, which carefully avoided details, has been confounded with the plan submitted by an individual, and objections to *that particular plan* have been urged against the general utility, practicability, and expediency of the measure itself in the abstract.

I have, however, great gratification in reporting that from some of the States,* in which, by the wisdom of municipal legislation, the blessing of education is made the free offering of a generous people, and from which fact apprehensions were entertained, that the proposition could not concentrate the energies of the brotherhood at large, that the most emphatic favorable response has been made to the report of the committee, justifying entirely the opinion that the measure may be consummated if properly understood and appreciated.

The undersigned, notwithstanding the present posture of the subject, in view of the action had by the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, remains firm in his conviction of the practicability and expediency of the measure, and unshaken in the confidence, that, although the Order may not now be prepared to concentrate its energies in the cause of education, the time is not distant when a different sentiment will prevail

*Massachusetts and Connecticut

The Corresponding Secretary, upon inquiry, discovered that the appropriation made in the thirteenth resolution was wholly insufficient to supply appropriate desks and chairs for the representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, he accordingly was unable to comply in whole with the resolution. The sum appropriated was expended in the purchase of desks constructed of walnut, suited to the dignity of the office for which they were designed, made after the model of those in use for the Senators in the Congress of the United States—a similar appropriation will be necessary to supply a chair for each Representative, corresponding in style and convenience with the desks already provided.

During the recess, the visiting card plate having become worn out, a new one, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, has been obtained in the City of New York, the design of which has been made different from the former plate, as well to add to the beauty of the instrument, as to avoid the difficulty which has heretofore existed in readily distinguishing between the visiting and final card.

The edition of the Journal of 1844 having become entirely out of print, and it being necessary to obtain a sufficient number of copies for the purpose of binding with the proceedings of 1845 and 1846, for the use of the Grand Representatives, the Corresponding Secretary caused two hundred copies to be printed for that object. While upon this subject, I beg to call the attention of the Grand Representatives to the proprietorship of the copy-rights of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the difficulties which at some future period may grow out of a continuance of the practice of allowing to the printer the privilege of stereotyping the Journal for his own use, secured to him by a copy-right. It will be recollected that at the time the idea was conceived of publishing a correct and entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the published proceedings of that body did not reach beyond the year 1827, and that the Journal from the formation of the original body in 1821 until 1827 had never been printed: that the portion of this interesting progressive history of the Order which had been printed was almost valueless, by reason of the imperfect manner in which the record had been kept, the loose form in which it was issued, the minutes of each Session being detached, and without continuity in the paging, rendering an index difficult if not impracticable; and that the earlier proceedings up to 1827, only existed in the perishable form of manuscript, in a great degree unintelligible without the aid of explanation. In view of this condition of these important records, and of the very great necessity of a publication in proper continuous form, of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States from its formation, a work of no inconsiderable undertaking, and involving a very large outlay, the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the Session of 1842, authorized a reprint of the entire Journal from 1821 to the end of the Session of 1843, provided a responsible person would venture the enterprise wholly at his own risk, and without expense to that body. At the same Session the Grand Secretary was directed to prepare the early unprinted manuscript proceedings for publication, in the event of his ability to have the entire work consummated without expense to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the state of the finances of that body at that time forbidding any attempt on its part to accomplish this greatly desired object. Accordingly, soon after the Session of 1842, the Corresponding Secretary made earnest efforts to carry out the design of the resolution, but was unsuccessful until late in the year 1843, when he entered into an arrangement with brothers McGowan & Treadwell, of New York, by which, at their entire risk and cost, the present valuable Journal from 1821 to 1843 was acquired. In order to induce this enterprise, it was necessary to offer a reasonable hope of profit, involving as it did considerable capital to accomplish it; the undersigned, there-

fore, secured to the contractors the exclusive copy-right of the work, and stipulated with them for its preservation by stereotype. The great value of the work to the Order, it was reasonably thought, would ensure an ample remuneration for the vast labor and outlay incident to the undertaking, and the utter inability of the Grand Lodge of the United States to effect the publication upon its own resources alone, induced the transfer of the enterprise to individual responsibility. Upon the condition of continuing the plan of stereotyping the work, the undersigned has, since the publication of the Journal up to 1843, forming volume one, continued to secure the copy-right to Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell to the end of the Session of 1844. The Journal for 1846 was secured to brother James Young, of Baltimore, upon the same terms. This history of the subject has become necessary for the purpose of fully informing the Representatives of the manner and the circumstances by which the proprietorship of their own Journal has passed from their hands. This property should belong to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and should be re-acquired, if practicable, upon reasonable terms. The stereotype plates would enable this body at all times to possess itself of a full supply of the two volumes already published, at a very reduced price, and the sale of the work, at one dollar per volume, would afford a lasting and increasing revenue. In the contract for printing the Journal of 1846, the undersigned stipulated specifically for the purchase of the stereotype plates at their original cost, and the transfer of the copy-right; and, in reference to the stereotype plates and copy-right of the Journal up to 1845, inclusive, he has corresponded with brothers McGowan and Treadwell, who have expressed a willingness to transfer their right of property to the Grand Lodge of the United States upon favorable terms. I respectfully recommend this subject to your attention.

It became necessary, during the recess, to obtain a new supply of Charge and Degree books, and the undersigned, acting under the impression that the Committee on Revision, as they were authorized by law, had provided for stereotyping the work, wrote to the printer at New York for a return of the plates. To his surprise he learnt that the authority given to the committee had not been used, that body being of opinion that a large edition (four thousand copies) would serve the Order for many years. The sequel has served to show the folly of all reasonable calculations upon the probable growth of our beloved Order, as well as to indicate the error of foresight in this respected committee. The effect of this misapplied economy has been to add materially to the cost of that work by the necessity of its entire reprint—an edition of which the undersigned has ordered and received. As no probability exists of any material change in the work, I also respectfully suggest that a law be passed directing the stereotyping of the revised work, or at least the subordinate branch of it.

During the past winter, the Patriarchal work has been translated into the German and printed in that language, and has been distributed so far as applications have been made for it. No part of the revised work has yet been translated into the French language, and the Lodges working in that tongue have been compelled to resort to the expedient of manuscript amendments to the old book, to enable them to work. Some legislation is necessary on this subject.

In order to induce a conformation to the law of the last Session, prohibiting the publication of the Odes by the Subordinates to the Grand Lodge of the United States or individuals, the Corresponding Secretary caused a supply to be printed for distribution, which have been for sale at his office at a very small advance upon the cost of printing. This law, I regret to say, is not generally respected.

The expense incident to the various subjects above detailed, being unavoidable and imperatively necessary, has been incurred by the Corresponding Secretary, without

any special authority of law, during the recess, and he now respectfully submits his acts in this particular for the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Commissions have been issued under the authority of the Grand Sire for District Deputy Grand Sires in Vermont, Arkansas and Alabama, to supply vacancies occasioned by resignations and removals from the District.

I beg to invite the attention of the Representatives to the subject of the Diploma plate of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This instrument, embodying in beautiful style all the emblems of the Order, was authorized at a very heavy expense at the October Session of 1838; the price was fixed at the April Session of 1840 at two dollars per copy. Proving to be unavailable as a source of revenue, at this price, it was reduced, in 1841, to one dollar and fifty cents per copy; and again, in 1843, further reduced to one dollar per copy from the same cause. Notwithstanding the extreme low price at which it has been offered since 1843, the receipts from this source have, comparatively with the increase of the Order, not been enlarged; being for the year 1844, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars; for 1845, eighty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, and for the year 1846, four hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

In view of this condition of things, the undersigned has had his attention turned to this subject, for the purpose of devising some plan by which this valuable and truly beautiful plate might be made available as a source of revenue. To this end, the Corresponding Secretary has caused a number of copies to be struck off, in blank, excepting the vignette, or circular wreath, with the surmounting all-seeing eye and figure of Charity, to be used as charter forms for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which he has offered at one dollar per copy as an experiment. This application of the Diploma plate, if approved by your worthy body, in the opinion of the undersigned, will materially add to the revenue from this source, some two hundred copies having been disposed of in this form, with but limited means of causing its adaptation, in this respect, to be known throughout the jurisdiction—and, if the Grand Lodge should, in the event of approving this suggestion, further adopt and recognise this form as the only charter form for Lodges and Encampments hereafter to be used, a revenue of five hundred dollars per annum might be expected at once, which would be ever augmenting with the rapid increase of Lodges and Encampments, and thus the use of the plate as a Diploma of membership might be discontinued, if deemed advisable, after the disposition of the supply now on hand. A form of Diploma has been issued by brother Winchester, of New York, which, in the judgment of the Executive of the Order, being in violation of the law of the last Session, and the original design of the adoption of the Diploma plate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it became the duty of the Grand Officers to notice it; accordingly directions were issued to the State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, by order of the Grand Sire, requiring them to enforce the law in the premises.

The correspondence during the recess has been voluminous and highly gratifying with the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the various districts, and with the various subordinates to this jurisdiction; from which the Corresponding Secretary begs to present the following review of the condition and progress of the Order during the fiscal year just past:

Foreign Relations.—In obedience to the order adopted directing the reclamation of the charters of Pioneer and Oriental Lodges, and the acquisition of the books, I have to report, that having no agent or correspondent in England with whom a communication could be opened upon that subject, the undersigned was obliged to resort to the expedient of addressing one of the members to whom the warrant for Pioneer Lodge was issued, to wit, P. Pro. G. M. Bolsover, of Stockport, from whom he received no

answer; recently, however, brother Bolsover has arrived in this country, from whom he has learnt that his letters did not reach him. Two books only were sent to the commissioners appointed to open these Lodges, one of which, it is believed, still remains in the hands of the commissioners, Oriental Lodge not having been established—of the book delivered to Pioneer Lodge, no information has been obtained. From the Grand Lodge of Wales, I regret to say, that no tidings whatever have reached this office, since its establishment. I have received through the hands of P. G. Albert Guild, formerly a Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, various documents, herewith presented, from Honolulu, Oahu, a city of the Sandwich Islands. From these papers it will appear that a Lodge, styled Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the I. O. O. F., is in being at that place, of which A. Ten Eyck, a brother well known in this jurisdiction, was the N. G. at the date of the documents referred to, and that a body purporting to be “Pacific Lodge of Odd-Fellows” was also at work in the same place, between which bodies no fellowship existed. The former Lodge, Excelsior, No. 1, it will appear, was instituted by brother Gilbert Watson, of Massachusetts, in the exercise of power supposed to belong to him as D. D. G. Sire for Oregon, under a commission erroneously granted by D. D. G. Sire Guild, of Massachusetts, reported at the last Session. The latter, or “Pacific Lodge,” it will appear, is a self-instituted body, asking to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to be received into fellowship. Great injury will be visited upon our beloved Order, as the certain result consequent upon the unlawful and unwarrantable use of the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States by individuals in foreign countries, who assume to open and establish Lodges in such countries without the shadow of authority. The power of establishing Lodges, during the recess, is delegated only to the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Corresponding Secretary, under and subject to all the restraints and limitations of the Constitution and laws. The authority exercised by brother Watson is expressly withheld by the Constitution and laws from the Executive of the Order itself, during the recess, and, although, in many cases, opportunities have offered of establishing the Order in South America and the West India Islands, by the agency of brethren well known, personally, to the Grand Officers, and in whose fitness and integrity the most implicit confidence might be reposed, yet, in no instance, notwithstanding the benefit which was certain to ensue to the Order, have the Grand Officers assumed to exercise such authority. The attention of the Representatives is respectfully invited to this subject, and although the act of brother Watson, in organizing Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, may, from the necessity of the case, receive your confirmation, it is, nevertheless, due to the dignity and the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that its exclusive power in the premises should be fully vindicated.

In a great measure a future repetition of such acts may be avoided by the relaxation in some degree of the 1st Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by vesting a reasonable discretion in the Executive officers of the Order. It now requires the application of five brothers in good standing, as an *indispensable* requisite to enable the Grand Officers to issue a warrant for the establishment of a Lodge under this jurisdiction in any and all cases. It rarely happens that five brothers in good standing can be found in a foreign country, hence it is almost impracticable for persons desirous of establishing the Order abroad to comply with the law. Other difficulties in the way of literal conformance to the law often intervene, when efforts are made to introduce the Order into foreign countries. With a view, in some degree, to prevent the assumption of authority in the premises, and the facilitating the laudable purpose of our brethren, who desire to carry with them the blessings of Odd-Fel-

lowship into foreign lands, I respectfully recommend that the Grand Officers be authorized, in the recess, to issue dispensations for such objects, in their discretion, notwithstanding the prohibition of the 1st Article of the By-Laws.

The warrant authorized for Oregon Lodge, No. 1, at your last Session, was transmitted to brother Gilbert Watson, by the hands of brother H. W. Crabb, who sailed for Honolulu, in June last, in the service of the government, and who kindly consented to forward the despatch to its place of destination.

I subjoin a condensed abstract of the progress of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Michigan.—In Michigan, the march of Odd-Fellowship has been rapid and diffusive. D. D. Grand Sire Kellog, by his earnest and untiring efforts, has succeeded in establishing a Grand Encampment in this jurisdiction, which has commenced its career under the most auspicious circumstances. The Grand Lodge of the State reports over fifteen hundred members, and appears at this Session by two Representatives, as authorized by the Constitution.

Vermont.—Odd-Fellowship has covered almost every section of this State, and wherever instituted has fallen into the hands of active, efficient, and worthy men. Ten Subordinate Lodges now exist in this jurisdiction, all of which continue to prosper. An application was received, accompanied by the Charter fee, in February last, for a Grand Lodge Charter, but not being in conformity with the By-Law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Officers were denied the pleasure of granting the request.

Maine.—I have to report that the Order continues to prosper in this State. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment exhibit a gradual and healthy increase in this jurisdiction.

Massachusetts.—The progress of the Order in this Commonwealth, although not so rapid as heretofore, has been steady and healthful. The increase of Lodges has been checked by the very commendable and salutary legislation of the Grand Lodge of the State, by which stability and permanency is insured to new Lodges when instituted. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment have been made in due season by the able Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, to whom I beg to make my acknowledgments for a bound copy of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of that State, to be preserved at this office for the use of the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Representatives of that State.

New Hampshire.—Odd-Fellowship is in the highest degree prosperous in this State, and it is gratifying to observe the deep interests which it has awakened in all sections of the State.

Rhode Island.—In this State the Order has advanced, since your last Session, with a sure and steady step, and the reports evince general prosperity.

Connecticut.—I have had but little correspondence with the officers of this State. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment are highly gratifying.

New York.—The increase of the Order in this vast jurisdiction continues uninterrupted, having now reached over three hundred Lodges.

Pennsylvania.—I am indebted to the able and efficient Grand Secretary of this State for his prompt and valuable correspondence with this office. The accessions to our fraternity in Pennsylvania have been very great, during the past year, in all its departments. I am indebted to G. Sec'y Curtis for a bound copy of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

New Jersey.—The Order is in every respect prosperous in New Jersey, and entire harmony prevails throughout the brotherhood.

Delaware.—In this State, the Order has not paused since its revival from the lethar-

gy which had paralysed its energies for several years. Five new Lodges have been instituted during the year, and the membership has nearly doubled. Two new Encampments have also been organized since your last Session.

Maryland.—The Order has steadily and healthfully increased in Maryland during the last year, and, in every part of the State the highest degree of prosperity prevails.

District of Columbia.—The institution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, has, in a great degree, cut off from the Corresponding Secretary the valuable and interesting correspondence formerly enjoyed with the late distinguished D. D. G. Sire of that district. I have, however, great pleasure in reporting that in both branches of the Order there has been a great accession of strength and members, and entire harmony.

Virginia.—The reports from this State are highly gratifying, exhibiting, as they do, a large accession of Lodges and members.

North Carolina.—Since the last Session, a Grand Encampment has been instituted in this State under very favorable circumstances, and the Order generally is progressing in prosperity.

South Carolina.—All is prosperous in this valued jurisdiction. In no part of our extended brotherhood is the Order in better keeping. I am indebted to Grand Secretary Gyles for a bound copy of the entire Journal of this Grand Lodge, to be preserved in this office for the use of the Grand Representatives of that State, and the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Georgia.—A Grand Encampment has been recently opened in this State, by D. D. G. Sire Williams, located at Macon. The Grand Lodge of the State has created a number of new Subordinate Lodges during the year, all of which appear to be in a healthy condition.

Florida.—Two new Lodges have been formed in this State during the recess, viz. Jefferson, No. 3, at Monticello, and Pensacola, No. 4, at Pensacola. To D. D. G. Sire Wiley Williams, whose jurisdiction has heretofore embraced the States of Georgia and Florida, much is due for his valuable aid to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in facilitating the advance of the Order within the limits of his district.

Alabama.—The number of Lodges in this State has doubled since your last Session, and a very large accession has been made to the brotherhood. Pulaski Camp, No. 4, has been instituted at Cahawba, in this State, during the recess. I herewith submit some communications relative to a removal of the Grand Lodge to the interior of the State.

Mississippi.—The progress of the Order in this State, during the last twelve months, has been highly gratifying—increase of Lodges, eight in number—initiations doubled, and amount of revenue more than doubled. Two new Encampments have also been instituted.

Louisiana.—The career of Odd-Fellowship is still onward in Louisiana. The reports from this jurisdiction indicate great accession of strength and general prosperity.

Missouri.—This State has become entitled to two Representatives, having reported one thousand and sixty-eight contributing members. Eight new Lodges have been created since last report. In all respects the Order has had a gratifying season, during the year, in this district.

Illinois.—The annual report of this State exhibits a constituency of one thousand and four members, thus entitling the Grand Lodge to two Representatives. Ten new Lodges have been formed during the year, and the general condition of the Order is highly prosperous. The reports from the Encampments also indicate a similar general good condition. Some communications have been received, upon the subject of the removal of the seat of the Grand Lodge, which are herewith submitted.

Indiana.—Grand Secretary Noble, of this jurisdiction, has furnished the annual return in due season, which exhibits a general increase of the Order throughout the State, twelve new Lodges having been created, and the number of members having nearly doubled since the last report. The reports of the Encampments have been generally received.

Ohio.—From the able and efficient Corresponding Secretary of Ohio, P. G. M. H. W. Clarke, I learn that the "watchword of the Order is still onward" in that jurisdiction. Eighteen new Lodges have been chartered during the year, and more than two thousand members added to the brotherhood since the last report. The Patriarchal branch of the Order in that State indicates the same general healthfulness.

Kentucky.—Odd-Fellowship continues to advance with steady steps in this distinguished Commonwealth. Unusual harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and the Order presents a moral spectacle worthy of admiration. Since the last annual report, ten new Lodges have been formed, and large accessions have been made to the brotherhood.

Tennessee.—Under a special commission from the Grand Sire, confided to P. G. Representative T. P. Shaffner, of Ky., a Grand Encampment has been instituted in Tennessee, located at Nashville. The Grand Lodge of the United States is greatly indebted to this Deputy for his valuable and efficient service in imparting instructions to the Patriarchs and the organization of this body. The report of brother Shaffner is herewith submitted. From the Grand Lodge of the State, I have received information of the general prosperity of the Order under its jurisdiction.

Arkansas.—Since your adjournment, a commission, by authority of the Grand Sire, was issued to brother W. C. Loffland, D. D. G. Sire of Arkansas, but the undersigned is without advices from that brother. The reports of Telulah Lodge have been regularly received, which body, it is gratifying to report, is in a highly prosperous condition. A warrant has been issued for the institution of Eagle Camp, No. 1, at Helena in this State.

Wisconsin.—A Grand Lodge has been instituted in this State during the recess, in conformity with the By-Laws of the last Session, which is in successful operation. D. D. G. Sire Wm. Duane Wilson, already familiarly known to the Grand Lodge of the United States as the great patron of the Order in this distant jurisdiction, continues with unabated zeal to watch over its interests and to advance its career. In appreciation of his distinguished services to the brotherhood in Wisconsin, he has been selected by the Grand Lodge its first Grand Representative to this body. The Patriarchal Order is also in a highly prosperous condition in this State.

Iowa.—An application has been received, as required by the laws, for a Grand Lodge in Iowa, and being in all respects in form, a Grand Warrant has been issued for the institution of the same. No return has yet reached this office. D. D. G. Sire Jno. G. Potts continues to exert his invaluable services in behalf of the Order in this district, through whom all the returns are regularly made to this office. An Encampment of Patriarchs has been instituted in this jurisdiction during the recess.

Texas.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge has been made in due season, exhibiting a healthy state of the Order. An application for a Subordinate Encampment has been received, but in consequence of the approaching Session, and the greater facility of transmitting the proper books by the hands of the Grand Representative, has been referred to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Journal of the last Session was distributed among the subordinates as early after the Session as was practicable, in view of the delay necessarily incident to the preparation of the index. Herewith is presented the Constitution and By-Laws

received during the recess, submitted for your examination and approval, also the Journal of Proceedings of the different State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

The Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and South Carolina, and the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, have presented each to the Grand Lodge of the United States a handsomely bound copy of their entire Journals up to the present year, which will be carefully preserved in this office as valuable books of reference for the Representatives of those States, and for the general use of this body. I beg respectfully to ask a similar presentation from each of the other State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Dispensations according to law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, have been issued during the year, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same :

FOR GRAND LODGES.

Wisconsin, at Milwaukie.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Michigan, at Kalamazoo.
North Carolina, at Wilmington.
Georgia, at Macon.
Tennessee, at Nashville.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

To Caledonia Lodge,	. . . . .	No. 6, Danville, Vermont.
" Social Lodge,	. . . . .	" 7, Wilmington, "
" Vergennes Lodge,	. . . . .	" 8, Vergennes, "
" Starke Lodge,	. . . . .	" 9, Bennington, "
" Otter Creek Lodge,	. . . . .	" 10, Rutland, "
" Lake Dunmore Lodge,	. . . . .	" 11, Middlebury, "
" Jefferson Lodge,	. . . . .	" 3, Monticello, Florida.
" Pensacola Lodge,	. . . . .	" 4, Pensacola, "
" Wisconsin Lodge,	. . . . .	" 15, Janeville, Wisconsin.
" Sinsinawaw Lodge,	. . . . .	" 16, Hazel Green, "
" Davenport Lodge,	. . . . .	" 8, Davenport, Iowa.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

To Eagle Camp,	. . . . .	No. 1, Helena, Arkansas.
" McDonnell Camp,	. . . . .	" 2, Smyrna, Delaware.
" Reynolds Camp,	. . . . .	" 3, Wilmington, "
" Noxubee Camp,	. . . . .	" 5, Macon, Mississippi.
" Tombechee Camp,	. . . . .	" 6, Columbus, "
" Wilson Camp,	. . . . .	" 2, Southport, Wisconsin.
" Raleigh Camp,	. . . . .	" 4, Raleigh, N. Carolina.
" Halcyon Camp,	. . . . .	" 1, Dubuque, Iowa.
" Pulaski Camp,	. . . . .	" 4, Cahawba, Alabama.
" Magnolia Camp,	. . . . .	" 4, Baton Rouge, La.

The applications for these warrants are herewith presented for your approbation, being in all respects conformable to law. The warrants, upon approval, become charters, as provided by resolution of September Session, 1843. Accompanying this report I annex in the usual tabular form, a condensed statement of the general operations of the Order, during the past year, also a table exhibiting a comparative view of its relative condition in 1846 and 1847.

In obedience to the resolution of 1844, directing "that the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Lodge in his Annual Report, with a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amount due to and by it, and a statement of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges, which may not have reported within two weeks of the annual Session," the Corresponding Secretary herewith presents the accompanying documents A, B, conveying the information required.

In compliance with the order requiring the Corresponding Secretary to "pay over all moneys received by him during the recess, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source and for what object," I beg to submit the following statement of the receipts of this office during the fiscal year of 1846-7. Herewith, I also present a supplementary statement, from what sources and for what object, since the termination of the fiscal year and the commencement of the annual Session; the various sums received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

Statement of Receipts of Grand Secretary during the fiscal year 1846-7.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	v.
1846. Sept. 25,	Sherlock Camp, Indiana, - - - - -	Warrant.	\$30 00	12
" "	Metropolitan Camp, do - - - - -	"	30 00	13
" "	Wabash Camp, do - - - - -	"	30 00	14
Nov. 5,	Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, - - - - -	"	30 00	24
" 13,	Pulaski Camp, Alabama, - - - - -	"	0 00	28
Dec. 6,	Social Lodge, No. 7, Vermont, - - - - -	"	30 00	31
1847. Jan. 14,	Vergennes Lodge, No. 8, do - - - - -	"	30 00	36
" 17,	Wilson Camp, No. 2, Wisconsin, - - - - -	"	30 00	37
" 25,	Raleigh Camp, North Carolina, - - - - -	"	30 00	43
" 28,	Otter Creek Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	30 00	46
" 30,	Halcyon Camp, Iowa, - - - - -	"	30 00	47
Feb. 3,	Jefferson Lodge, Florida, - - - - -	"	30 00	49
" "	Grand Lodge Vermont, - - - - -	"	30 00	50
" "	Starke Lodge, do - - - - -	"	20 00	51
" 13,	Lake Dunmore Lodge, do - - - - -	"	30 00	58
" 22,	Grand Camp, Michigan, - - - - -	"	30 00	62
March 2,	Davenport Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	"	30 00	71
" 12,	Wisconsin Lodge, Wisconsin - - - - -	"	30 00	72
" "	Halcyon Lodge, do - - - - -	"	30 00	73
April 6,	Sinsinawa Lodge, do - - - - -	"	30 00	84
May 21,	Grand Camp of Georgia, - - - - -	"	30 00	94
" 27,	McDonnell Camp, Delaware, - - - - -	"	30 00	97
June 26,	Reynolds Camp, do - - - - -	"	30 00	104
" 29,	Noxubee Camp, Mississippi, - - - - -	"	30 00	111
" "	Tombeechee Camp, do - - - - -	"	30 00	112
" "	Eagle Camp, No. 1, Arkansas, - - - - -	"	30 00	113
July 14,	Grand Lodge of Iowa, - - - - -	"	30 00	139
Aug. 6,	Lone Star Camp, No. 1, Texas, - - - - -	"	30 00	162
" 17,	Grand Camp, North Carolina, - - - - -	"	30 00	166
" 30,	Olive Branch Camp, Tennessee, - - - - -	"	30 00	181
" "	Camp Iowa, - - - - -	"	30 00	201
	Total for Warrants, - - - - -	"	\$920 00	
1846. Sept. 21,	Delaware Camp, Delaware, - - - - -	Dues.	\$45 15	2
" 22,	Magnolia Camp, Georgia, - - - - -	"	22 51	6
" "	Ocmulgee Camp, do - - - - -	"	10 90	7
" "	Franklin Camp, do - - - - -	"	5 48	8
" "	Chattahoochie Camp, Georgia, - - - - -	"	13 80	9
" "	Augusta Camp, do - - - - -	"	21 95	10
" "	Florida Lodge, Florida, - - - - -	"	4 00	11
" 25,	Bethlehem Camp, Indiana, - - - - -	"	9 70	17
Oct. 31,	Wantastiquet Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	18 50	22
Nov. 7,	Washington Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	"	8 50	25
" "	Kreosanqua Lodge, do - - - - -	"	8 50	26
" 12,	Vermont Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	7 74	27
1847. Jan. 12,	Wabash Camp, Indiana, - - - - -	"	21 06	33
" 14,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin, - - - - -	"	6 39	34
" "	Washington Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	"	5 51	35
" 20,	Lilly of Mountain Lodge, Wisconsin, - - - - -	"	12 20	41
" "	Muscatine Lodge, do - - - - -	"	7 33	42

Statement continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1847. Jan. 30,	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas,	Dues.	\$18 84	48
Feb. 15,	Kreosanqua Lodge, Iowa,	"	7 60	59
"	Muscatine Lodge, Wisconsin,	"	12 24	60
" 22,	Michigan Camp, Michigan,	"	15 39	63
"	Marshall do do	"	9 25	64
"	Pah-Wah-Ting Camp, Michigan	"	14 46	65
"	Lenawah do do	"	10 71	66
"	Samaritan do do	"	16 40	67
"	Wildey do do	"	12 75	68
" 26,	Miners' Lodge, Iowa,	"	9 00	69
"	Kreosanqua do do	"	6 20	70
March 12,	Miners' do do	"	7 42	75
"	Harmony do do	"	6 59	76
" 18,	Lilly of the Mount Lodge, Iowa,	"	15 42	77
"	Kreosanqua do do	"	4 36	78
April 1,	Narragansett Camp,	"	22 55	81
"	Mashassuck do	"	34 78	82
" 8,	Washington Lodge, Iowa,	"	7 00	85
"	Jefferson do do	"	7 00	86
" 20,	Calumet Camp, North Carolina,	"	33 11	87
" 23,	Marley do Virginia,	"	6 58	89
May 4,	Mount Arrarat Camp, Alabama,	"	6 16	91
"	St. Paul's do do	"	9 95	92
"	Black Warrior do do	"	9 41	93
" 27,	Harmony Lodge, Iowa,	"	19 50	98
"	Jefferson do do	"	3 39	99
June 30,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Iowa,	"	7 29	109
"	Koskiusko do do	"	7 57	110
"	Magnolia Camp, Georgia,	"	9 53	122
"	Ocmulgee do do	"	18 03	123
"	Franklin do do	"	15 23	124
"	Chattahoochie Camp, do	"	12 15	125
"	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida,	"	7 08	126
"	do do do	"	8 30	126
"	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont,	"	17 45	127
"	Vermont do do	"	20 00	128
"	White River do do	"	50 00	130
"	Wantastiquet do do	"	17 17	131
"	Winooski Camp, do	"	10 61	132
"	Windsor Lodge, do	"	16 10	129
"	Allen Camp, Illinois,	"	19 83	138
"	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida,	"	25 00	148
"	Telulah do Arkansas,	"	58 67	150
"	St. Paul's Camp, Alabama,	"	17 00	156
"	Calumet do North Carolina,	"	10 00	168
"	Koskiusko Lodge, Iowa,	"	20 22	169
"	Jefferson do	"	19 23	170
"	Neilson Camp, Illinois,	"	13 00	180
"	Muscatine Lodge, Iowa,	"	20 23	182
"	Kreosanqua do do	"	5 76	183
"	Gayosa Camp, Tennessee,	"	29 22	186
"	Rese of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin,	"	15 78	188
"	Miners' do do	"	13 29	189
"	Jefferson do Iowa,	"	14 30	190
"	Lilly of the Mount do do	"	26 65	191
"	Harmony do do	"	34 95	195
"	Narragansett Camp, Rhode Island,	"	20 00	196
"	Mashassuck do do	"	37 36	197
"	Palestine do do	"	9 30	198
"	Olive Branch do Tennessee,	"	40 60	199
"	Justitia Lodge, Iowa,	"	35 00	200
Total for Dues,			\$1237 38	
1846. Sept. 25,	Wildey Camp, Indiana,	Books.	\$6 00	15
"	Bethlehem do do	"	6 00	16
Oct. 19,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina,	"	7 00	21
1847. Jan. 17,	do do do	"	6 00	38
"	do Louisiana,	"	48 00	39
" 25,	do North Carolina,	"	4 00	44
Feb. 7,	do Delaware,	"	33 50	54
"	do North Carolina,	"	8 00	57
March 18,	do Ohio,	"	65 00	79
May 24,	do do	"	29 27	96
June 18	do Kentucky,	"	80 00	100

Statement continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1847. June 26,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, - - - - -	Books,	\$350 00	05
" 29,	Grand Camp of Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	147 00	14
" 0,	Grand Lodge of Delaware, - - - - -	"	14 00	17
"	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	60 00	131
"	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	42 50	141
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	18 00	146
"	Grand Lodge of Michigan, - - - - -	"	24 0	160
"	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	48 00	164
"	Grand Camp of Virginia - - - - -	"	72 00	174
"	Grand Lodge of Tennessee, - - - - -	"	133 25	177
"	do Texas, - - - - -	"	8 00	193
Total for Books, - - - - -			\$1169 52	
1847. Feb. 7,	Two Diplomas, - - - - -	Diplomas,	\$2 00	56
June 26,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	37 50	107
" 30,	do Delaware, - - - - -	"	5 00	118
"	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	15 00	144
"	do Michigan, - - - - -	"	30 00	159
"	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	75 00	163
Total for Diplomas, - - - - -			\$164 50	
1846. Oct. 31,	Wantastiquet Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	Cards.	\$2 50	23
Dec. 4,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina, - - - - -	"	5 00	30
1847. Jan. 12,	do Alabama, - - - - -	"	50 00	32
Feb. 3,	Social Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	3 00	52
" 18,	Covenant Lodge, Mississippi, - - - - -	"	5 00	61
March 12,	Grand Camp of Maine, - - - - -	"	25 00	74
" 30,	do Ohio, - - - - -	"	25 00	80
April 3,	Vergennes Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	4 55	83
" 23,	Marley Camp, Virginia, - - - - -	"	7 81	89
June 18,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, - - - - -	"	50 00	101
" 26,	do Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	300 00	106
"	do Delaware, - - - - -	"	10 00	119
"	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	40 00	133
"	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	50 00	141
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	5 00	145
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio, - - - - -	"	50 00	149
"	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas, - - - - -	"	1 00	151
"	Grand Lodge of North Carolina, - - - - -	"	6 00	152
"	do Georgia, - - - - -	"	25 00	154
"	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	30 00	165
"	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - -	"	13 75	173
"	Grand Lodge of Tennessee, - - - - -	"	71 00	178
"	Reynolds Camp, Delaware, - - - - -	"	8 00	184
"	Grand Lodge of Texas, - - - - -	"	22 00	194
Total for Cards, - - - - -			\$809 61	
1846. Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Delaware, - - - - - 1846	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	1
" 22,	Grand Camp of Maine, - - - - - "	"	20 00	5
1847. Feb. 7,	Grand Lodge of Delaware, (former balance) - - - - -	"	6 00	55
May 24,	do Ohio, - - - - - 1847	"	40 00	95
June 18,	do Kentucky, - - - - - "	"	40 00	103
" 26,	do Pennsylvania, - - - - - "	"	40 00	108
"	do Delaware, - - - - - "	"	20 00	120
"	do Virginia, - - - - - "	"	40 00	136
"	do Maryland, - - - - - "	"	40 00	144
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - - "	"	20 00	147
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia, - - - - - "	"	40 00	155
"	do Missouri, - - - - - "	"	20 00	159
"	do Michigan, - - - - - "	"	20 00	161
"	do Mississippi, - - - - - "	"	*20 00	166
"	do South Carolina, - - - - - "	"	40 00	167
"	do Michigan - - - - - "	"	20 00	171
"	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - - "	"	20 00	175
"	do South Carolina, - - - - - "	"	20 00	176
"	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, - - - - - "	"	20 00	185
"	Grand Camp of Connecticut, - - - - - "	"	20 00	187
"	Grand Lodge of Texas, - - - - - "	"	20 00	192
Total for Rep. Tax, - - - - -			\$546 00	
1846. Sept. 22,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - - 1844-5	Balances.	\$123 50	3
"	Wilkey Camp, Mississippi, - - - - - 1845-6	"	33 35	19
Oct. 11,	D. D. G. S. Sewell, of Canada, - - - - - "	"	137 95	20

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DATES	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. Nov. 23,	Grand Lodge of Texas, - - - - - 1845-46	Balances.	\$60 00	29
1847. Jan. 17,	do Louisiana, - - - - - 1845	"	7 25	40
" 28,	do Ohio, - - - - - 1846	"	174 56	45
Feb. 7,	do Delaware, - - - - - 1845	"	77 12	53
April 30,	do South Carolina, - - - - - 1846	"	9 00	90
June 30,	do New York, - - - - - 1845-6	"	194 00	115
"	D. D. G. S. Charles McGowan, - - - - - "	"	52 50	116
"	Grand Lodge of Virginia, - - - - - "	"	364 26	137
"	do Georgia, - - - - - 1846	"	148 13	153
"	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - - "	"	15 63	172
"	do New Jersey, - - - - - "	"	113 00	179
	Total Balances, - - - - -	-	\$1510 15	
1847. June 18,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, - - - - -	Odes.	\$2 25	102
"	Cash, - - - - -	"	1 00	121
"	Grand Lodge of Virginia, - - - - -	"	1 50	135
"	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	75	143
	Total for Odes, - - - - -	-	\$5 50	
	Total amount, - - - - -	-	\$6204 66	

Supplementary Statement, showing the Receipts of the Corresponding Secretary after the termination of the fiscal year, June 30, 1847.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1847. Sept. 20,	Grand Encampment of Tennessee, - - - - -	Dispensation.	\$30 00	254
1847. Sept. 15,	Kreosanqua Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	Dues.	\$6 47	202
" 17,	Wilbey Camp, Mississippi, - - - - -	"	37 50	204
"	Choctaw Camp, do - - - - -	"	14 55	205
"	Woodville Camp, do - - - - -	"	20 10	206
"	Vicksburgh Camp, do - - - - -	"	14 10	210
" 18,	Lead Mine do Iowa, - - - - -	"	10 80	211
"	Ridgely do Nashville, Tennessee, - - - - -	"	29 20	212
"	Black Warrior Camp, Alabama, - - - - -	"	9 85	216
"	Eli Ballou, D. D. G. S., Vermont, - - - - -	"	394 92	223
" 20,	Washington Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	"	21 00	229
"	Wilbey Camp, Indiana, - - - - -	"	21 29	230
"	Metropolitan Camp, do - - - - -	"	21 07	231
"	Mishawawka do do - - - - -	"	17 00	232
"	Delaware do Delaware, - - - - -	"	30 96	237
"	Campbell do North Carolina, - - - - -	"	19 55	247
"	Magenenu do D. of C., - - - - -	"	17 29	256
"	Mount Pisgah do do - - - - -	"	75	252
"	Pine do North Carolina, - - - - -	"	26 92	253
	Total for Dues, - - - - -	-	\$713 32	
1847. Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, - - - - -	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00	225
"	do New York, - - - - -	"	40 00	226
"	do Indiana, - - - - -	"	40 00	215
"	do Tennessee, - - - - -	"	40 00	214
"	do Missouri, - - - - -	"	20 00	206
"	do Massachusetts, - - - - -	"	40 00	217
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	40 00	220
"	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, - - - - -	"	40 00	240
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	40 00	233
"	do Illinois, - - - - -	"	40 00	243
"	do North Carolina, - - - - -	"	20 00	246
"	Grand Camp of New York, - - - - -	"	40 00	251
"	do Ohio, - - - - -	"	20 00	254
"	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	20 00	242
"	do New Hampshire, - - - - -	"	40 00	248
"	do Missouri, - - - - -	"	20 00	238
"	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, - - - - -	"	20 00	252
" 21,	do Rhode Island, - - - - -	"	40 00	256
	Total Rep. Tax, - - - - -	-	\$600 00	
1847. Sept. 15,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	Cards.	\$5 00	203
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Missouri, - - - - -	"	30 00	207
" 18,	do New York, - - - - -	"	563 62	227
"	do Massachusetts, - - - - -	"	156 60	219

Statement continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	v.
1847. Sept. 18,	Grand Camp of Massachusetts, - - - - -	Cards,	\$25 00	222
"	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, - - - - -	"	67 50	224
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	71 00	235
"	do Illinois, - - - - -	"	60 00	245
"	do Maine, - - - - -	"	50 00	249
"	Wagenenu Camp. D. C., - - - - -	"	4 00	257
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - -	"	15 00	255
" 21,	do Rhode Island, - - - - -	"	30 00	256
	Total for Cards, - - - - -	-	\$1067 72	
1847. Sept. 17,	Grand Camp of Ohio, - - - - -	Books,	\$38 50	255
"	Grand Lodge of Missouri, - - - - -	"	44 00	208
"	D. D. G. Sire G. B. Allen, of Missouri, - - - - -	"	34 00	209
" 18,	Grand Lodge of Indiana, - - - - -	"	90 00	217
"	do Massachusetts, - - - - -	"	156 60	218
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	90 50	221
"	Grand Lodge of New Jersey, - - - - -	"	57 00	234
"	Grand Camp of Missouri, - - - - -	"	6 00	239
"	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - -	"	100 00	244
"	do Maine, - - - - -	"	25 00	250
"	do Ohio, - - - - -	"	60 00	253
	Total for Books, - - - - -	-	\$701 60	
1847. Sept. 18,	William H. Jones, Grand Secretary, - - - - -	Diplomas,	\$50 00	213
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - -	"	18 75	255
	Total for Diplomas, - - - - -	-	\$68 75	
1847. Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of New York, - - - - -	Balances,	\$603 51	227
"	do do - - - - -	"	175 00	223
"	do Indiana, - - - - -	"	13 50	217
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	9 00	236
"	do District of Columbia, account of - - - - -	"	50 00	241
	Total Balances, - - - - -	"	\$851 01	
1847. Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, - - - - -	Odes,	\$7 50	256

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	\$920 00	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	30 00	— \$950 00
DUES,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	1059 38	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	713 32	— 1772 70
REPRESENTATIVE TAX,		Statement - - - - -	546 00	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	600 00	— 1146 00
CARDS,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	809 61	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	1067 72	— 1877 33
BOOKS,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	1189 52	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	701 60	— 1891 12
DIPLOMAS,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	164 50	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	68 75	— 233 25
BALANCES,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	1570 15	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	857 01	— 2361 16
ODES,	- - -	Statement - - - - -	5 50	
		Supplementary do - - - - -	7 50	— 13 00
		Total, - - - - -	\$10,244 56	

The revenue of the current year, it will be perceived, is less than that of the year 1845-6, by the sum of \$3,402 45.

The receipts for the year 1845-6 were very much augmented, as indicated in my last annual report, by the sale of the revised works, and form no guide for a comparative view of the progressive ordinary revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The present sources of income are ample to meet the just wants of the Grand Lodge it is believed, and with proper economy will yield a small surplus, which may be wisely applied in augmentation of the investment created by resolution of September, 1846.

The balance in the treasury at your last Session, as reported by the Committee on Finance, was \$7,204 06, of which sum \$6,251 68 was available; the residue in bills receivable. In conformity with the resolution directing an investment in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the surplus funds in the treasury, the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, immediately after the last Session, caused the sum of \$6,070 to be invested in Ohio six per cent. State stocks, the certificates for which were deposited with the Grand Treasurer, amounting to the sum of \$6,400, upon which twelve months interest is now due and receivable.

In addition to this investment, all special appropriations directed, the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, including rent of Corresponding Secretary's office, salaries of officers, stationary, postage, &c., have been paid as they respectively matured; also the expense of the new visiting card plate, an edition of 2,000 copies charge and degree books, and the necessary printing of cards from the old plate.

Of the unavailable funds reported in the treasury at the last Session, the sum of \$140 64, being a check of S. C. Sewall on the Bank of Montreal, has since been paid; and I deem it but an act of justice to that distinguished and meritorious brother to state, that its non-payment upon its first presentation at bank in Montreal, was the fault entirely of the bank itself, and in no way referable to the responsibility of the check. The notes of G. W. Churchill of Maine, and G. C. Bull of Kentucky, remain unpaid.

On the 17th day of September, 1847, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to \$2,243 01, which together with receipts of the Session, and the outstanding debits, which appear by documents A and B, accompanying this report, are subject to the expenses incident to the Session, at the disposition of the G. Lodge.

During the past year the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has been instituted, and the Subordinates of Iowa are prepared and anxious for a similar State organization. The Order has had a degree of success in this section of our jurisdiction which is almost unparalleled. To the exertions of D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts, of Illinois, and Wm. Duane Wilson, of Wisconsin, the Order at large is greatly indebted for this result: the former, Brother Potts, has for ten years firmly encountered the many obstacles in the way of the progress of the Order, which were inseparable from its introduction into a new and distant country, and has perseveringly watched and cherished its gradual growth within his district until the present time: the latter, Brother Wilson, with the enthusiasm and energy which belong to his character, has within two years past given to the Order in Wisconsin an impulse so irresistible, that notwithstanding the comparative newness of the system within his district, the whole surface of the State has been covered with Lodges. Occupying a position which gives to the undersigned a general view of the entire operations of the Order, and necessarily familiarized as I have been with its progress, I have witnessed the toil of these two laborers in the great cause of Odd-Fellowship, from time to time, with admiration; and in view of the fact, that their relations as officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	Number of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. Grand Masters.	Revenue of Sub-ordinate Lodges.	Contributing Mem-bers.	Number of Brothers relieved.	Number of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Educating orphans.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Total amount for Relief.
G. Lodge of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	41	1423	311	11	680	14	\$44,239 23	6197	1403	156	\$15,902 18	\$12,425 53	\$3,650 70	\$4,333 17	\$36,311 58
Massachusetts, - - -	Boston,	Mass.	119	1568	468	25	931	4	75,328 81	12613	1831	55	31,543 07	1,510 75	24 00	4,326 17	37,704 02
New York, - - -	New York,	N. York	309	8082	1005	49	2675	11	232,980 06	30296	4429	312	69,612 07	7,219 07	666 22	8,698 69	86,196 05
Pennsylvania, - - -	Philadelphia,	Penn'a.	253	8334	554	79	2025	13	139,789 64	23105	3412	703	31,561 85	4,170 18	68 25	6,815 31	42,915 59
District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. of C.	13	254	61	4	291	10	8,551 26	1634	316	15	3,095 66	146 00	175 99	344 00	3,761 65
Delaware, - - -	Wilmington,	Delaware	11	268	12	1	84	7	4,150 03	692	81	1	703 95	20 00	1 00	75 00	799 95
Ohio, - - -	Cincinnati,	Ohio	87	2716	92	143	793	12	75,839 44	6373	1653	42	17,594 02	845 71	10 65	2,230 50	20,651 18
Louisiana, - - -	New Orleans,	Louisiana	14	548	3	3	94	14	18,263 53	1040	46	2	1,210 50	90 00	1 00	592 50	1,893 00
New Jersey, - - -	Trenton,	N. Jersey	63	1505	137	9	525	9	35,697 72	4768	668	11	9,501 49	264 73	210 06	1,037 27	11,0 3 55
Kentucky, - - -	Louisville,	Kentucky	33	596	24	6	337	6	15,977 56	1619	147	13	2,759 83	163 83	99 90	475 93	3,499 49
Virginia, - - -	Richmond,	Virginia	47	978	133	14	483	8	21,976 19	2917	333	39	3,130 19	817 47	544 71	1,105 34	5,597 71
Indiana, - - -	Madison,	Indiana	45	583	51	3	269	7	19,977 97	1594	50	2	2,705 10	45 00	307 36	345 26	3,263 93
Mississippi, - - -	Natchez,	Miss.	22	381	59	6	186	7	13,734 13	879	117	11	1,932 16	303 00	85 00	175 00	2,501 16
Missouri, - - -	St. Louis,	Missouri	24	405	59	8	178	6	12,244 09	1068	135	5	1,580 83	33 00	68 27	257 00	1,870 83
Illinois, - - -	Springfield,	Illinois	26	372	42	14	303	7	7,853 81	1004	684	20	9,082 58	391 38	128 82	727 00	10,269 23
Connecticut, - - -	New Haven,	Conn.	50	1249	147	10	164	4	33,056 54	4650	88	6	1,954 50	184 55	541 08	238 74	2,506 61
Tennessee, - - -	Nashville,	Tennessee	27	557	37	9	143	1	17,107 80	1300	19	3	38 50	1,216 00	590 00	60 00	2,998 50
Texas, - - -	Houston,	Texas	3	46	40	30	13	5	14,977 71	106	175	39	3,367 50	184 00	19 25	590 00	5,714 58
South Carolina, - - -	Charleston,	S. Carolina	14	271	7	7	106	4	12,608 15	856	69	5	1,364 55	103 10	8 00	262 00	1,929 80
Alabama, - - -	Mobile,	Alabama	18	315	7	1	79	5	7,143 29	761	44	5	506 04	294 33	163 00	132 00	749 14
North Carolina, - - -	Wilmington,	N. Car.	13	277	81	5	121	3	14,942 13	1632	207	7	2,225 14	247 75	50 10	592 50	3,274 97
Georgia, - - -	Savannah,	Georgia	17	383	165	14	338	3	27,289 60	5348	530	11	9,143 23	89 07		1,152 00	10,593 08
Maine, - - -	Portland,	Maine	49	845	12	5	116	2	3,905 42	1743	289	11	3,471 74	75 00		845 00	4,405 81
Rhode Island, - - -	Providence,	R. Island	13	73	88	5	131	3	5,641 00	1980	69	7	2,305 99	40 22		311 17	2,692 16
New Hampshire, - - -	Concord,	N. Hamp.	19	326	12	5	115	4	11,965 68	1557	69	1	125 50			90 00	130 22
Wales, - - -	Tredegar,	S. W.	24	612	12	2	60	1	5,679 68	699	5	1	43 50			15 00	125 50
Michigan, - - -	Detroit,	Michigan	14	351	51	1	34		2,316 00	291	5						58 50
Wisconsin, - - -	Milwaukee,	Wiscon.	8	119	3	3			4,128 06	559							
Iowa, - - -	- - -	- - -	11	294	1				134 00	47							
Vermont, - - -	- - -	- - -	2	46					469 00	67							
Arkansas, - - -	- - -	- - -	3	17													
Florida, - - -	- - -	- - -	1392	33794	3586	521	11416	168	\$888,605 07	118961	16764	1476	\$227,850 67	\$31,184 70	\$6,922 36	\$36,385 68	\$302,243 41

Reports are due from Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6, term ending 31st December, 1846, and no report of relief received except from No. 3

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

1846.

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Sept. 25.	To cash on hand,								\$9,150 18
	To cash from Grand Secretary, for Charters,								920 00
	"	"	dues,						1,039 00
	"	"	books,						1,189 52
	"	"	diplomas,						164 50
	"	"	cards,						816 61
	"	"	rep. tax,						506 00
	"	"	odes,						5 50
	Balance of 1846,								1,476 00
Total,									\$15,288 14

1846.

Dr.

Sept. 25.	By cash to P. Paulin, for gold watch presented to Grand Secretary,								\$350 00
"	"	J. G. Treadwell, travelling expenses,							40 00
"	"	J. Clark, per bill,							1 50
"	"	G. Winchester, printing for Grand Secretary,							12 00
"	"	William R. Smith, postage,							2 75
"	"	S. Pratt, postage,							1 30
"	"	A. Case, D. G. Sire, expenses,							50 00
"	"	" " postage,							2 70
"	"	L. Jones, Grand Guardian, expenses,							20 00
Sept. 26.	"	J. D. McCabe, Grand Chaplain, expenses,							70 50
"	"	E. S. Fryer, for frame,							2 00
"	"	T. Sherlock, Grand Sire, expenses,							100 00
"	"	" " postage,							30 70
"	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for sundries,							15 50
Sept. 28.	"	William W. Moore, expenses,							25 92
"	"	J. L. Ridgely, office expenses,							96 44
Sept. 29.	"	A. G. Day, premium on bill of exchange,							11 23
Oct. 1.	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,							16 05
"	"	R. & A. Campbell, for watch chain for Grand Secretary,							28 00
"	6.	J. Lee, for sixty-four shares of Ohio stock,							6017 00
"	29.	J. Young, printing proceedings,							237 24
Nov. 2.	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,							4 76
"	5.	Collecting draft on Montreal, Canada,							1 50
Dec. 1.	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,							3 83
"	4.	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,							250 00
"	"	J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary Grand Messenger,							37 50
"	"	Interest on loan from Marion Lodge, N. Y.,							30 30
"	17.	Marion Lodge loan and interest,							1010 00
"	"	J. A. Kennedy, on account of appropriation,							89 10
1847.									
Jan. 2.	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,							9 56
"	7.	Draft on the Grand Lodge of New York, protested,							934 38
"	"	For Protesting draft " " " "							1 75
"	27.	B. F. Zimmerman, for filling up charters,							12 00

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Feb. 2.	By cash to J. Young, for printing proceedings,	-	-	-	\$473 64
" 3.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,				8 35
" 13.	" J. Leffman, for printing German work, Encampments,				85 00
" 22.	" Discount on draft from Kellogg,	-	-	-	1 09
Mar. 2.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,				6 92
" 12.	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,				250 00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary Grand Messenger,				37 50
" 18.	" Expenses on return of books,	-	-	-	425
April 1.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,				9 20
" 6.	" P. Smick, for printing cards,	-	-	-	196 37
" 10.	" J. J. Johnson, on account of desks,	-	-	-	100 00
May 10.	" J. A. Kennedy, for engraving,	-	-	-	150 00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,				7 51
June 2.	" " " " " "				7 25
" 11.	" " one quarter's salary, Grand Messenger,				37 50
" 19.	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,				250 00
July 2.	" C. McGowan, for printing,	-	-	-	246 50
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,				12 33
" "	" A. & J. B. Mathiot,	-	-	-	8 00
" 27.	" L. Bonsall, for binding one hundred proceedings,	-			75 00
Aug. 2.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,	-			9 36
" 6.	" S. Jacobs, for carpeting,	-	-	-	46 50
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for making carpeting,	-			4 50
" 12.	" Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent and fuel,	-	-	-	165 00
" 31.	" J. W. Bond, stationery,	-	-	-	140 93
" "	" F. Lucas,	-	-	-	145 67
" "	" J. J. Johnson, for desks,	-	-	-	400 00
" "	" P. Smick, for printing cards,	-	-	-	153 00
" "	" J. Young, for printing,	-	-	-	79 96
Sept. 1.	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,				250 00
" "	" " office expenses,	-	-	-	7 72
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, quarter's salary and postage,	-			49 69
" "	" Collecting drafts and discount on uncurrent funds,				10 80
" "	" A. E. Warner, salary Grand Treasurer,	-	-	-	100 00
	By cash on hand,	-	-	-	2243 01
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					\$15,288 14

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., presented a volume of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, and in connexion therewith offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That so much of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York as relates to any alteration of the Constitution of that body, during and since the Session of May, 1846, of the same, and which shall have been officially presented to this R. W. Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee of Appeals, with power to send for persons and papers, provided no expense to this G. Lodge be incurred thereby.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the query presented by Rep. AtLee, of the District of Columbia, report :

Under the By-Laws (Art 10) the Constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval. The committee believe that the analogy of the law includes also amendments to such Constitutions.

The committee therefore report that the Constitutions of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments and all amendments thereto, must be submitted to this body for examination. If approved, they, of course, become the organic law. If error be found, the error must be corrected. In order to cover the whole ground the committee take leave to add that in the interval between the adoption of the Constitution, or amendment, and its confirmation by the G. L. U. S., it is binding upon the body by which it has been adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the questions proposed by the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, and report :

A member of an Encampment who withdraws from his Lodge, becomes absolutely severed from his Encampment if he does not renew his membership in a Subordinate Lodge, within one month from the date of his card. (page 956.) But by the renewal of membership in a Subordinate Lodge, (within the time limited) the membership in the Encampment is *ipso facto* renewed, and if the Patriarch desire to withdraw, he must pursue the usual course.

Repectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions submitted by Rep. Bain, of Va., report :

According to the letter of the law of this G. L., the T. P. W. can only be given by a N. G. or C. P. to the members of their own bodies respectively. But in the case of brothers who are called from home suddenly, without time to make personal application for their visiting cards, a practice appears to have grown up of accompanying the card when forwarded, by a letter from the N. G. of the Lodge granting it to the N. G. of some Lodge in the place where the travelling brother is temporarily resident, which letter conveys a request that the P. W. should be communicated. This practice appears to have originated in the necessity of the case, for without some such system the P. W. could not be communicated, the card would be useless, and the travelling brother would be debarred from the privilege of visiting. The committee therefore believe that this practice should be sanctioned.

In answer to the second inquiry, the committee report, that under the 30th By-Law, "Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are prohibited from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, where Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood." Under this law it is compctent for an individual who is a member of a Lodge in one State, to attach himself to the nearest Encampment in another, provided there be no Encampment in the

immediate neighborhood of his lodge. To the case, however, which occasionally presents itself of an individual *changing his residence*, but *continuing his Lodge membership* in his former residence, the committee believe that a different rule should apply. Such an individual should be allowed to join the Encampment in the State of his new abode, at or nearest to his own residence.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the resolution accompanying the same adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had under consideration the remarks in the report of the late M. W. G. Sire, touching the case of P. G. M. Bolsover and others, members of the extinct English Lodges. The existing laws of the Grand Lodge not reaching the case, the committee in view of the great propriety of extending to those brothers the privileges which others, in similar situations, under our State jurisdictions enjoy, append a resolution which they ask the Grand Lodge to adopt. The committee believe that the provision which they propose should be made general, so as to include the members of all Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which are now, or may hereafter become extinct. They have drafted a resolution accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish certificates in the nature of withdrawal cards, to all members of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which are now or may hereafter become extinct; said certificates to be signed by the Grand Secretary, to be attested by the seal of this Grand Lodge, to entitle the holder to all the privileges exercised under withdrawal cards, and only to be issued after the presentation by the applicant of satisfactory evidence of membership and good standing.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petitions of various applicants for Subordinate Encampments, in States wherein no Grand Encampments exist, would respectfully report, that they have examined said applications, and recommend the ratification of the warrants by the grant of charters, if the charter fee has been received by the Grand Secretary:

For Pulaski Encampment,	No. 4, Cahawba, Alabama.
" Magnolia "	" 4, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
" Halcyon "	" 1, DuBuque, Iowa.
" Wilson "	" 2, Southport, Wisconsin Ter.
" Raleigh "	" 5, Raleigh, N. C.
" Tombigbee "	" 6, Columbus, Miss.
" Noxubee "	" 5, Macon, Miss.
" Lone Star "	" 1, Galveston, Texas.
" McDonnell "	" 2, Smyrna, Del.
" Reynolds "	" 3, Wilmington, Del.
" Eagle "	" 1, Helena, Arkansas.
" Eureka "	" 2, Burlington, Iowa.
" Eureka "	" 7, Newbern, N. C.
" Wayne "	" -, Centreville, Indiana.

The committee would remark that in some cases the petitions were not accompanied by proper vouchers, but believing that this was owing altogether to a want of information on the part of the petitioners, they are willing to recommend them to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom were referred sundry documents, beg to report back to the G. Lodge of the United States, the following petitions and memorials, which they conceive belong appropriately to other standing committees of this body, viz:

Resolutions respecting the six months term, from the G. Lodges of Maine and Pennsylvania, and from Subordinate Lodges, Lily of Mound, Wisconsin; Hermans Lodge, Texas; Lake Dunmore Lodge, Vermont; Cahawba Lodge, Alabama.

Resolutions from sundry Lodges in Alabama, respecting the change of place of meeting of the G. Lodge of that State.

Resolutions from G. Lodge of Wisconsin, respecting the per-centage of that Lodge.

Petition from Telulah Lodge, Arkansas, for change of place of meeting.

Petition from Geo. Bolsover for a card.

The Committee of Appeals suggest the reference of above documents to other committees.

PETER DELLA TORRE, *Chairman Committee Appeals.*

Rep. Clarke, of N. J., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., so much of the above as refers to the six months term, the petitions of Geo. Bolsover and Telulah Lodge, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as refers to the removal of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, to the Committee on Petitions; and so much as relates to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Magnolia Lodge, No. 83, of Ohio, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, ask leave to report, that in their opinion the decision of the Grand Master, sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, defining the regalia of a Subordinate Lodge, is in accordance with the 25th By-Law of the Grand Lodge of the United States; they would therefore recommend that the decision be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the "appeal of Montgomery Lodge,

No. 5, at Dayton, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the case of C. H. Bronson," beg leave to report :

They have had the subject under consideration, and see no reason sufficient to induce them to interfere with the decision of the Grand Lodge. The material facts connected with the matter are these : John Mills, of Montgomery Lodge, preferred charges against C. H. Bronson "for publishing a malicious libel upon him, in regard to his conduct as a public officer, for knowingly and wilfully seeking to injure his character, by false representations in regard to his official duties, published in a newspaper edited by Bronson, and generally of acting in a manner unbecoming an Odd-Fellow."

Upon his trial, Bronson was convicted by his Lodge and sentenced to be suspended for two years from all the privileges of the Order. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and, after much discussion, as it appears, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the decision of Montgomery Lodge, No. 5, in December last, in the case of Brother C. H. Bronson, be reversed, inasmuch as this complaint made upon him was founded upon a political matter, and therefore by the laws and customs of the Order, said Lodge had no jurisdiction in the case."

The committee have had before them the newspapers containing the alleged libels, and whilst they are not prepared to assert as a principle that complaints founded upon political matters may never furnish ground for the interference of a Lodge, still, in the present instance they see nothing in the case which would cause them to recommend a revision of the decision of the Grand Lodge. The committee therefore recommend that the appeal of Montgomery Lodge be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

On motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., 1000 extra copies of the Grand Secretary's Report, was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Rep. Hough, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Bain, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Deputy G. Sire and C. Secretary be a committee to revise the forms, &c. of the installation of officers of this Grand Lodge, and report the same to the Lodge at its next session.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Va., leave of absence was granted to the Grand Secretary, in consequence of the loss, by death, of a member of his family.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Rippawaw Lodge against the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, respectfully submit the following report :

It appears from documents placed in the hands of the committee that in November, 1846, the R. W. Grand Master of Connecticut sent an official communication to the Lodges under his jurisdiction, promulgating the law of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in regard to the change of the official term of Subordinate Lodges, as passed at the Session of September, 1846 ; and directing the officers then in the

chairs of the respective Lodges to continue in their official stations until the time of election and installation, as provided in the law of this Grand Lodge. Rippawaw Lodge, believing the proceeding to be informal and illegal, refused to obey this mandate, and elected and installed her officers at the usual time. The Grand Master brought this matter before the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in his message to that body at the Session of January, 1847, and the Grand Lodge subsequently passed a resolution approving the action of the Grand Master, and disapproving that of Rippawaw Lodge; from this action Rippawaw Lodge appeals to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee are of the opinion that the course pursued by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, for the purpose of carrying the supreme law of the Order into effect was regular and legal, and that the plain duty of the Subordinate Lodges was to obey the constituted authorities of the Order. Rippawaw Lodge having refused to render due obedience, has no just cause of complaint that her course met a mild reproof for her dereliction of duty. Your committee ask leave to submit the following resolution.

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Resolved, That the appeal of Rippawaw Lodge be dismissed, and that the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in the premises, be confirmed.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., presented the memorial of Capitol Lodge, No. 208, of that State, asking redress for the grievance therein stated.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., objected to the reception of the memorial, as being made without the assent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., to refer the memorial to the Committee on Appeals, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., presented the memorial of Henry Leffman, of that State, praying redress of the grievance therein complained of.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., objected to the reception of the memorial, and upon motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., submitted the following inquiry, which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is any officer or member of a Grand Encampment eligible for election to the office of Grand Patriarch?

Rep. Gill, of Del., submitted the following which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware asks the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, whether a State Grand Lodge possesses the power to expel a member from the Order?

Rep. Hough, of Virginia, presented the certificate of the G. Scribe of the G. Encampment of that State, setting forth the removal of the G. Encampment of that State, which on his motion was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Dwinelle, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred an application for a Grand Lodge in the State of Vermont, would respectfully report:

That the papers submitted to them are in due form, and that in the opinion of your committee the application should be granted.

Your committee would further report, that the applicants do not, in their petition,

specify any place at which the Grand Lodge of Vermont should be located, but refer its location "to such place as in the wisdom of this Right Worthy Body may seem of most advantage to the interests of our beloved Order." It appears, also, by accompanying papers emanating from the convention of Past Grands applying for the charter, that a diversity of sentiment prevails among the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Vermont, as to the proper place at which the Grand Lodge should be located, but that rather than suffer that diversity to become a cause of dissension among themselves, they have referred the whole matter to the decision of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge. Your committee have therefore examined into the question of a proper location for the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and have arrived at the conclusion that the town of Montpelier, the capital of the State, situated nearly at its geographical centre and comparatively accessible from all parts of it, presents the natural location sought for. They therefore recommend that a charter be granted for a Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, to be located at the town of Montpelier, in that State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Roche, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the first N. G. of a newly instituted Lodge be entitled to receive the degrees of the past V. G. and Past Secretary, and that the first V. G. of a similar Lodge be entitled to receive the degree of Past Secretary in the same manner.

Rep. McCauley, of Md., offered the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has the Grand Lodge of the United States the power to alter the Charter, Constitution, or By-Laws of a State Grand Lodge, after it has been submitted to this Grand Lodge and approved, without first obtaining the consent of the State Grand Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to keep a secret journal of the proceedings of this body, in which shall be recorded such matters as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge should not be made public.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the resolution making the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business the order of the day for twelve o'clock to-morrow, was reconsidered.

Whereupon Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion to make the said report the special order for to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

Rep. Kelly, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the action of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, with reference to changing the place of location from Portsmouth to Alexandria, beg leave to report: That it appears the Grand Encampment held its Session on the evening previous to the time designated by a resolution of this R. W. Grand Body, for satisfactory reasons stated to your committee. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

Resolved, That the action had at said Session of the Grand Encampment, in Portsmouth, on the 14th day of April last, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Deferred Business.

The first subject of unfinished business reported being under consideration, on motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, September 22, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. S. Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation, except G. Cor. Secretary Ridgely, absent by leave of the Grand Lodge. The M. W. G. Sire appointed G. Secretary Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, presented the credentials of the Representative from the Grand Lodge of British North America, and on his motion they were referred to a special committee. The chair named Reps. Wilson, Taylor and Neally as the committee.

Rep. Parker of N. H., asked and obtained leave of absence for the day for his colleagues, Reps. Senter and Brown.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was read and agreed to :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of George Bolsover (late of England) for a card, report that by the action of this body yesterday the prayer of the petitioner has been granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, presented the following report, which was read and agreed to :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry referred to them on the motion of Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., report, that the order of business contained in the printed work of Subordinates is to be considered in the light of a recommendation merely. It is no part of the work of the Order, properly so called, and the committee believe that the G. L. had no intention, in adopting it, to force Subordinates to adhere strictly to the form as laid down. What the *character* of the business transacted is to be, the laws of this body prescribe, but the *mode* of taking up and going through the business, both reason and policy require should be left to the regulation of the Subordinates themselves. If they can conveniently adhere to the form in the charge book, it is only proper that they should do so ; if they cannot, they may regulate the order of business to suit their particular necessities.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had before them a petition from Henry Leffman, referred to them on the motion of one of the Representatives of Pa. The committee expressly deny the right of any individual not a member of this body, to present any subject for its consideration ; but in consequence of the real importance of the question proposed, the committee recommend that some action be taken thereon.

The resolution on the subject of Encampment membership to be found on page 956, is defective in one particular. A Patriarch who under the operation of that law loses his membership, is left in a position which he should not occupy. No provision is made for his obtaining a withdrawal card, to which, if he be in good standing the committee consider him to be clearly entitled. This defect, however, admits of easy remedy, and the committee append a resolution which will remove the evil.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That where by the operation of the resolution on page 352, volume 2, a Patriarch loses his membership in an Encampment, it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to furnish said Patriarch with a regular withdrawal card ; provided said Patriarch shall be in good standing, and comply with the regulations of said Encampment, touching such cards.

On motion of Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, to suspend the consideration of the subject, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Special Committee on Credentials, it was agreed to.

Rep. Wilson, from the Special Committee on that subject, presented the following report, which was received :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom were referred the credentials of P. C. P. S. B. Campbell, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of British North America, have to report, that they are correct ; but, as they find no authority for the admission of a Representative from said Grand Lodge, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution, presented at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, as found at page 693 of the Journal.

WM. DUANE WILSON,
J. H. TAYLOR,
E. S. J. NEALLEY.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, moved that so much of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, on page 963, vol. 2, as refers to Representatives from foreign jurisdictions, be now taken up, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the amendment proposed by Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., on page 963, vol. 2, was then considered and adopted. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Macdonough, Parker, (2 votes,) Roche, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yeager, P. G. S. Sherlock.—48.

NAYS—Chapman, (2 votes,) Day, Kerlin, Moore, (2 votes.)—6.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved that the Representative from the Grand Lodge of British North America, be now introduced to this body, which was agreed to. Whereupon Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, intro-

duced Grand Representative Campbell of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The Grand Lodge then resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was not agreed to :

To recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of repealing all action of the Grand Lodge at the last Session, page 956; thus leaving the legislation in the hands of the Subordinate Grand Encampment.

The question recurring upon the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have considered the resolution of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the resolution of Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan; all on the subject of the terms of Subordinate Lodges.

The six months term was adopted at the last Session, by one of the most decisive votes taken during the entire communication. In a full Grand Lodge, a majority of 42 against 16 voted for the measure, and that majority represented more than 80,000 contributing members, the entire constituency of the Order being, as then reported, less than 91,000. A majority so large for a measure involving such important consequences is not easily paralleled, and when to this fact the committee add, that the only two Past Grand Sires who were present, (both venerable brothers, and one of them the founder and father of the American Order,) voted with the majority, it seems impossible to justify the proposition so hastily made for repeal. The action of the Grand Lodge, too, was based upon the deliberate and careful report of this committee, then differently constituted. It was had on the second day of the communication.—Ample opportunity was therefore afforded for the Grand Lodge to retrace its steps by reconsideration, if it had been led into hasty and careless legislation. Such, however, was not the case. The whole proceeding was conducted with a proper degree of care and the character of the majority as well as the entire acquiescence in the result during the remainder of the communication, rebuts the imputation of improper haste and want of due consideration.

It is unnecessary for the committee to enter afresh into the examination of the merits of this question. The mind of the whole Order has been for many months past oppressed with the subject. The argument is entirely exhausted, or if it be necessary to renew it, the floor and not the committee room is the proper field.

To one objection, however, the committee think it their duty to respond. Especial stress has been laid in some sections of the country on the length of service in inferior offices necessary to qualify for the Vice Grand's chair. This objection has been generally based upon provisions of the local laws requiring two terms of inferior service as a qualification for promotion. If this was considered an evil, the remedy was easy and the local Grand bodies might have applied it; but the committee do not deem it improper for this body to declare a general principle, which they think will meet the emergency. The doctrine that twenty-six nights service is sufficient to qualify for the office of V. G., has by long usage, in the opinion of the committee, become entitled to consideration as a general law. If this be so, the objection now under review is entirely obviated. Six months service, under the old system, was the required time.—Six months service under the new arrangement, should be held sufficient.

The committee therefore report, in answer to the resolution of Rep. Ellison, that it is inexpedient to restore the three months term, and in answer to the resolution of Rep. Ramsdell, that it is also inexpedient to extend the term to one year. The committee are happy that, so far as the first proposition is concerned, they can fortify their own opinion by the unanimous strength of so respectable a body as the G. L. of Ohio.

The committee append resolutions expressive of their views.

One member of the committee (the member from Mass.) desires to say, that in the conscientious discharge of his duty to *this body* he has felt himself bound to concur with his colleagues in the foregoing report, reserving to himself of course, the privilege of performing what he equally considers his duty, when the vote shall be taken. In obedience to the instructions of his G. L. he must vote for the repeal.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate in reference to the term of Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That twenty-six nights service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the chair of V. G., provided, of course, the Brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent.

Rep. Marshall of Ky., moved the following substitute for the resolution accompanying the report of the committee :

WHEREAS the length of the terms of Subordinate Lodges is a subject entirely within the jurisdiction of State Grand Lodges, and as some jurisdictions may require longer terms of office than others, therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution of the last Session of the Grand Lodge, regulating the terms of Subordinate Lodges, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the form following : " Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative. At this stage of the proceeding, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked what the main question was ? The Grand Sire decided the main question to be the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, from which decision Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed, and the question being put, " Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge ?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

A division of the question being asked and obtained, the main question was then put : " Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order ?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Day, Demick, Ellison, Griffin, Kerlin, Lilly, Moore, MacDonough, Neally, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Sessford, Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Simons, Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wakefield, Ware, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock.—33.

NAYS—Anderson, of N. C., Bain, Chapman, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Parker, (2 votes,) Roche, Smith, (2 votes,) Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Wells, Yeager—32.

And the question being again put, " Will the Grand Lodge adopt the second resolution accompanying the report of the committee ?" it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J.,

Chapman, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) De Saussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, (2 votes,) Lilly, Moore, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes,) MacDonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Senter, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wakefield, Ware, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Sherlock—52.

NAYS—Reps. Clark, of Conn., Marshall, Wells, P. G. Sire Hopkins—4.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, September 22, 4 o'clock

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. Grand Sire Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Wilson, of Wis., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Representative E. C. Robinson, M. W. Grand Master of Virginia, be invited to attend the Sessions of this Grand Lodge, and admitted to a seat within the body of the House.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, gave notice that he would, at a future time, move a reconsideration of the resolution passed this morning, in reference to the change of terms.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence have had the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary placed in their hands. We beg leave to report, that all matters contained in the documents submitted to us, have either been definitely acted on or referred to appropriate Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SPOONER,
GEORGE M. BAIN.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. T. C. Benteen, from a decision of the G. L. of Va., beg leave to report, that at a recent Session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia the following question was submitted for its opinion: "Is it in accordance with the usages of the Order for a V. G. to confer degrees in the absence of the N. G., unless the V. G. be also a P. G.?" The Grand Lodge of Virginia replied that "in the absence of the N. G. the V. G. is *de facto* N. G., and entitled to exercise all said officer's powers."

From this decision brother Benteen has appealed to this body.

As there is no general law specifically or in terms providing for the case stated, recourse must be had to the analogies and customs of the Order, and obligations and charges of the officer. After an examination of the obligations and charges of the N. G. (to which the Committee do not think it necessary to refer particularly,) the committee have come to the conclusion that, in the absence of the N. G., it is not only the right, but the duty of the V. G. to take the place of the superior officer and fulfil all his functions. It is the very object in view in the creation of a vice officer. All the analogies of every organized body support the same conclusion.

The committee therefore recommend that the appeal of T. C. Benteen, P. G. M. be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be sustained.

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution accompanying adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, relative to the removal of the said Grand Lodge from Springfield to the city of Peoria, beg leave to report:

That it appears to the committee that the Grand Lodge, and a large majority of the Subordinate Lodges of Illinois, are desirous to change the location of the Grand Lodge of that State, and establish it in the city of Peoria.

The reasons assigned are many; among others, that Peoria is more central, and much easier of access to the majority of the Subordinate Lodges than the present location of the Grand Lodge—and your committee are satisfied from statements made to them, that the good of the order will be promoted by the change; they therefore recommend the following preamble and resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. MACRAE,
W. SIMONS,
SAMUEL LILLY.

It appearing to his Grand Lodge that a majority of the Subordinate Lodges in Illinois are desirous to change the location of the Grand Lodge of that state from Springfield to the city of Peoria; therefore

Resolved; That the Grand Lodge of Illinois be permitted to change its location to the city of Peoria, and this Grand Lodge hereby concurs in said removal.

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Grand Corresponding Secretary's Report, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Select Committee to whom were referred the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, with instructions to distribute the subjects therein contained amongst the appropriate committees, report:

That all that portion relating to the appropriation for desks and chairs, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

All that portion relating to "Stereotyping the Journal," to a Select Committee.

All that portion relating to the "new supply of charge and degree books," the stereotyping of the revised work, and the translation thereof, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

All that portion relating to the "publication of the Odes," to the committee already appointed to consider the claims of the authors thereof.

All that portion relating to the expenses incurred during the recess without special authority, to the Committee on Finance.

All that portion relating to the Diploma plate and the Certificate published by Winchester, of New York, to a Select Committee.

All that portion relating to Foreign Affairs, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

All that portion relating to receipts and dues to the Committee on Finance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL YORKE AtLEE,
W. L. M'CAULEY,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

The chair announced the appointment of the following committees :

On so much of the Grand Corresponding Secretary's report, which refers to "Stereotype Plates of the Journal," to Reps. Williamson, of Tenn., Hough, of Va., and Demick, of Conn.

On so much of the same which refers to Diploma Plate and the Certificate published by E. Winchester, to Reps. Ramsdell, of Mich., Yohe, of Penn., and McKinnell, of La.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the work of the Order be so altered as to conform to the terms of Subordinate Lodges as adopted at the last Session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., the resolution was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That Past Deputy Grand Sire Albert Case be and he is hereby respectfully invited to take a seat in this body during the Session.

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of obtaining the likenesses of such of our Past Grand Sires whose portraits are not in possession of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the same committee procure also the portrait of the R. W. G. Cor. Secretary.

The Chair named Reps. AtLee, of D. of C., Griffin, of Ga., and Spooner, of Ohio, as the Committee.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following inquiries, which were on his motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

When a member who proposes to visit a Lodge or Encampment presents himself correct in the work, can the body he proposes to visit require him to take a test oath or obligation that he is truly a member of the Order ?

Can a person holding a clearance card from the Manchester Unity connect himself with the Order under this jurisdiction ?

If he can, should it be by initiation ?

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., offered the following amendment to Art. 14th of Constitution which was ordered to lie on the table :

Amend Art. XIV by inserting after the words "Grand Lodge," in first line, the words "and Grand Encampment." Proposed by Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Roche, of Md.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., offered the following amendment to the Article of the Constitution upon the subject of Representatives from and to foreign jurisdictions, adopted at the morning Session, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Amend the article which was this morning adopted to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of sending Representatives to foreign jurisdictions, by inserting after the second word of the new article, the word "previous." Proposed by Rep. Moore, of D. of C., seconded by Rep. Griffin, of Ga.

Rep. Roche, of Md., submitted the following, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

WHEREAS, there exists at the present time in Maryland one or more Lodges that have obtained from the Grand Lodge permission to work alternately in the English and German language; and whereas one of the said Subordinate Lodges elects two sets of officers; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to report as to the propriety of Subordinate Lodges electing two sets of officers.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted a communication on the subject of Regalia; on his motion, it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Roche, of Md., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business, as reported by the committee on that subject, on page 18 :

Amendment to Article 14th of the Constitution, on page 853, vol. 2, was considered and determined in the negative. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Lilly, Taylor, of Md., Theobald.—3

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Cole, Clark, of Conn., Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, Hough, Jones, Kerlin, Kelly, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, Roche, Sessford, Senter, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Simons, (2 votes,) Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Sherlock.—52.

Amendments to Articles 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 15, of the Constitution, on page 868, vol. 2, being under consideration, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked and obtained leave to withdraw said amendments.

Amendments to Article 10th of Constitution, on page 900, vol. 2, was then considered and adopted. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Clark, of Conn., Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock—61

NAYS—None.

Amendment to Article 12th of the Constitution, on page 817, vol. 2, was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Affron, Brewer, Chapman, Clark, of Conn., Jones, (2 votes,) McKinnell, Neally, (2 votes,) Senter, Taylor, of S. C., Theobald—12.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) De Saussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moore, Morris, McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock—47.

Amendment to Article 14th of the Constitution, on page 918 was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Clark, of N. J., Cole, Clark, of Conn., Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) Ellison, Hough, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Roche, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Wells, Wakefield, Ware—36.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Bain, Brown, of Miss., Chapman, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Jones, (2 votes,) Moore, Morris, McCauley, Parker, (2 votes,) Sessford, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, (2 votes,) Stokes, Woodruff, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock.—29.

Amendment to Art. 8th of the Constitution, page 929, vol. 2, was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—None.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, De Saussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, Hough, Jones, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, (2 votes,) Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sire Wildey—52

Amendment to Art. 10th of the Constitution on page 964, vol. 2, was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Chapman, Ellison, Holmes, Marshall, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Simons, Ware—13.

NAYS—Bain, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) Griffin, Gill, Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Moore, Morris, McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock—41.

Rep. Campbell, of the Grand Lodge of British North America, submitted a communication from that Grand Lodge, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Clark, of N. J., it was resolved unanimously that the same be spread upon the journal of this body.

I. O. O. F.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of British North America:

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Brethren, we greet you well. We consider it a fortunate circumstance that our first regular Session has been held in time to enable us to delegate to one of our number the pleasing duty of congratulating your Right Worthy Body on the recurrence of its Annual Communication.

Our worthy brother, L. B. CAMPBELL, Provincial Deputy Grand Sire for the Province of Toronto, will appear as our Special Grand Representative on this occasion, and we beg you will accredit him accordingly.

He will then be enabled to express in person, to your assembled body, more warmly and forcibly than it would be possible to convey in writing, those sentiments of cordial esteem and thankful consideration which this Grand Lodge will never fail to entertain towards its parent in Odd-Fellowship, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America.

By communicating to you a certified copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order which we have recently adopted, he will, we trust, convince you of our earnest desire to be guided by the light of your experience in our endeavors to preserve and enforce the principles of Odd-Fellowship in all their purity, and to oppose similarity of organization as a barrier against those deviations from the Usages and Work of the Order under your jurisdiction, which we stand pledged to avoid.

We invite your particular attention to the sixteenth By-Law, by which it is effectually provided that the A. T. P. W. shall always be the same in both jurisdictions and you may rest assured that the spirit which has actuated us in these respects will

not fail to be carried into the details of our legislation for the government of our subordinates.

Happy shall we be indeed if our endeavors to promote kindly feelings between man and man, to relieve temporal distress without injury to honest pride, to comfort the fatherless and the widow and to secure to the friendless orphan the invaluable blessing of a good education are attended with success in any way resembling that which has crowned the efforts of the body whose high example we are so desirous of emulating.

That your exertions and deliberations may continually be blessed by the Almighty Giver of all good, and that union and brotherly love may ever reign within and between our respective jurisdictions is the sincere prayer of your British American brethren in the bonds of the Order.

Given at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of Montreal, this sixteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and of our Order in British North America the fifth.

By the Grand Sire,

ANDREW WILSON, *Grand Secretary.*

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to "the Grand Lodge of British North America," was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., the communication from the Grand Lodge of British North America, was referred to a Special Committee.—The Grand Sire named Reps. Torre, of S. C., Marshall, of Ky., and Wells, of Mass., as the committee.

Reps. Torre and Marshall asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on said committee.

The Chair named Reps. Taylor, of S. C., and Kelly, of Va., to fill the vacancy.

P. G. Sire Sherlock asked and obtained leave to correct his report so far as it relates to the Grand Lodge of British North America.

Rep. Sessford, of D. C., offered the following resolution which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to present, through P. G. Campbell, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, ten copies of the first and second volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Williamson, of Tenn., asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the committee on stereotyping the journal.

The Chair appointed Rep. Smith, of Tenn., to fill the vacancy in said committee.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Journal of the Session of yesterday being in process of reading, on motion the reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution, which was read and concurred in :

Past Grand Master Joseph R. Taylor, the present M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York being in attendance,

Resolved, That he be invited to a seat in this R. W. Grand Lodge during this Session.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the location of Grand Lodges and Encampments.

The Chair named Rep. Senter, of N. H., to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Bain, of Va., asked leave to change his vote on the proposed amendment to the 14th Article of the Constitution, from the negative to the affirmative.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., asked leave to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative upon the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order in relation to the six months term.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Marshall, of Ky., and approve the suggestion.

They present the resolution in a modified shape and request the G. L. to adopt it.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the words "quarterly" and "quarter," wherever they occur in the Subordinate work, be stricken out, and "semi-annually" and "term," be inserted in its place.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order ask leave to report on the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio :

To the first question presented by said resolution, the committee answer : The mode of examining visitors has been expressly and clearly defined by this G. Lodge, page 690. A test O. B. N. is no part of that mode, and the committee would consider any Lodge or Encampment deserving of severe censure for introducing any such requirement.

To the second question, the committee answer : There is no reason for refusing to receive into our fraternity persons who have *withdrawn* from the Manchester Unity, but there being no communion between that body and ours, such persons can come into our Order only by initiation. They must come in precisely as other initiates. We know nothing of their clearance cards.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Torre, from the Committee on Appeals, asked and obtained leave for that committee to sit during the recess.

Rep. Dwinelle, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred two several applications for a charter for a Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa, would respectfully report, that the first application bears date on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1847, and emanates from Lodges Numbers 1, 3 and 4, of the State of Iowa, and prays that the Grand Lodge of that State may be located at Burlington; and that the second of said petitions, bears date on the 7th day of June, A. D. 1847, and emanates from Lodges Nos. 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the State of Iowa, and prays that the Grand Lodge of that State may be located at Bloomington. Your committee would further report, that in addition to the disagreement between the two petitions in reference to the location of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, there is a large mass of accompanying papers, showing that there is a wide and acrimonious dissension among the Lodges of the State of Iowa, as to the point at which the proposed Grand Lodge of that State shall be located. Your committee are of opinion, that inasmuch as the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Iowa have chosen to make this subject of location a matter of active contest and division among themselves, it will not be for the interest of this Order to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa until the Lodges in that State shall have evinced a returning spirit of harmony by uniting in a new petition for the charter of a Grand Lodge of that State, in which the place of the location of the proposed Grand Lodge shall be agreed upon and specified.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

Rep. Kelly, from the Committee on Petitions, made a report, which was read and accepted. The resolution accompanying the report being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the subject was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to strike out all that part of the report, which charges that injustice has been done to Brothers Mudge of Mass., and Taylor, of N. J.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Unrepresented Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to whom were referred so much of the report of the M. W. G. Sire as relates to the Grand Lodge of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that a visiter be selected by the M. G. W. Sire, competent to instruct the Grand Lodge of Texas in the correct work of the Order: Provided, That no expense shall be incurred by the Grand Lodge of the United States by said special visitation. Also, that the amount due this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Texas, contracted previous to its removal from Houston be remitted.

All of which is submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL.
G. P. SMITH,
JAMES A. COFFIN.

On motion to adopt the same a division of the subject was called for; the question being on adopting the first branch of the report, providing for the appointment of a visiter competent to instruct the Grand Lodge of Texas in the correct work, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second branch of the report relating to remitting the amount due by Grand Lodge of Texas previous to its removal from Houston, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Kelly, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was recommitted their report with instructions, made the following amended report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States .

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the application of Alfred Mudge of Mass., and James B. Taylor, of N. J., praying for remuneration from this R. W. G. Lodge, for certain services therein stated and set forth, beg leave to report, that the case in their judgment, presents matters for grave reflection and deliberation. From a careful examination of the whole matter, your committee believe that by the adoption of the following resolution the prayer of the petitioners will be satisfactorily answered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Resolved, That so much of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, 1846, page 956, printed proceedings, as refers to the exclusive right of this body to print or publish the *Odes* for Grand or Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be, and the same is hereby repealed and annulled.

Rep. Simon, of R. I., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following, to wit:—"Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge accept the report of the committee, and adopt the resolution accompanying the same, which was resolved in the negative, the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Brewer, Chapman, Cole, Davis, of Mass., (2 votes,) Demick, Dimon, Ellison, Green, Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, (2 votes,) Senter, Wells, Wakefield.—22.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Affron, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., Day, DeSaussure, Gill, (2 votes,) Holmes, Kerlin, Morris, McCauley, (2 votes,) McKinnell, MacDonough, (2 votes,) Neally, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, (2 votes,) Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Theobald, Woodruff, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Sherlock—39.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petitions of forty-eight Subordinate Lodges of the State of Ohio, praying the removal of the Grand Lodge of that State from Cincinnati to Columbus, beg leave to report :

That after a careful examination of the papers submitted to them, they can find no sufficient reason why this body should act upon the subject at present. The petitions are presented by a number of Subordinate Lodges, and appear to be occasioned by a circular emanating from a convention assembled at Dayton. It would further appear from a report adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, that the petitions for removal have neither been submitted to that body for their approval, nor in any manner legislated upon by it, further than to deny such facts as are stated in the circular above referred to. The State Grand Lodges having been repeatedly declared the supreme legislative

heads within their jurisdiction; any proposition to remove its place of meeting should proceed from itself, and the recognition of a right on the part of Subordinate Lodges to assemble in convention and legislate on matters relating to the internal affairs of the Grand Lodges has the dangerous tendency of establishing a power superior to the acknowledged legislative head of the Order. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
W. L. McCAULEY,		
E. P. THEOBALD.		

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be dismissed.

On motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., to accept the report, and adopt the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the report of the committee was also adopted.

Rep. Taylor, of S. C., from the Special Committee on that subject, moved the following report, which was read, accepted, and the resolutions accompanying the same unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, ask leave to report that they have given that consideration to the subject that its importance as connected with the friendly relations which exist between the Sovereign Lodges of Odd-Fellowship in British North America and the United States, demands. The attention of your committee, by request of the Grand Lodge of British North America, has been particularly directed to the 18th Article of their Constitution. They find this article to correspond with the 2nd resolution of the report from the Special Committee on the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada to be erected into a distinct sovereignty, adopted September 24th, 1846. By this harmony with our action, the important point of a *Uniform Travelling Password* in both sovereignties is obtained, and will be a strong bond of union and sympathy between the two bodies. Your committee are pleased to remark, that the whole Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British North America, corresponds in spirit, and often in terms, with our own, and furnishes a pleasing instance of the kindly sentiments and respect entertained towards this Grand Lodge by that body.

In view of the friendly relations now existing between the two jurisdictions, and in order to increase and perpetuate the same feeling, your committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES H. TAYLOR,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to reply in behalf of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to the communication from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America.

Resolved, That a special Grand Representative be accredited by this Grand Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America, for its next annual communication in Montreal.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pa. for approval, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed on so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's Report as relates to "the discussion of the internal affairs of our institution," respectfully report:

That the evil, to the correction of which the attention of this Grand Lodge has been called by the subject referred to your committee, is of recent origin. It originated with the newspaper publications, self-appointed organs of our Order. These periodicals have commenced their existence within four years, and the discussions under consideration within a much shorter period. Your committee are startled at the rapid growth of an evil of so recent birth, and are deeply impressed with the importance of strangling this infant hydra while we can do it—fearing that from its rapid growth, it may soon be too herculean for even this Grand Body to bind.

Your committee presume that the existence of the evil under consideration is too well known to require further showing here, but the *extent* ought to be considered with very serious deliberation.

The operation of this evil is two-fold: The first of which is, the increase of ill-will among the members of the Order. For example—a verbal contention, bitter in the extreme, exists, but being local, its evil effects are circumscribed, and it soon dies; but being introduced into the newspapers, they spread over the whole brotherhood, a stream of bitterness and ill-will destructive to our vital principles, and they seem to bear with them the sanction of official organship.

The second injurious operation, is that of our appearing before the community notoriously in a false position. Persons, not members of the Order, read in our own papers, apparently authorized accusations, invectives and recrimination against each other, and they exclaim, "such is the brotherhood of good will!—such the acting out the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth!"

Your committee think that as the supreme head of Odd-Fellowship in these United States, this Grand Lodge is competent to take strong ground in suppressing this evil. But for the present, your committee believe that the evil may be checked by a milder course—by the adoption of the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. P. WELLS,
W. H. BROWN,
WM. SIMONS.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States have seen with much pain and regret the discussions which have recently appeared in the Odd-Fellow Periodicals on the internal matters of the Order as highly inconsistent with and injurious to our best interests, as deserving the heaviest censure of this body.

Resolved, That no member of this Order, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall directly or indirectly publish in any periodical or otherwise, any of the proceedings, enactments or documents of this Grand Lodge, or issue any other publication as if sanctioned by this body, except such as shall be authorized by this Grand Lodge, or in its recess, by the Board of Grand Officers.

And that no such organs shall be so authorized, unless the conductors thereof engage to exclude all discussion of the internal affairs of our Order from their publications and all other expressions injurious to or slanderous of the members of our Order, according to the direction of the Board of Grand Officers.

And should any member of the Order violate the foregoing provisions, he shall be subject to presentment for trial to his respective Lodge for a violation of the principles of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Neally, of Me., the report and resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., offered the following order, which was not agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to allow the members of this Grand Lodge to examine the book of diagrams during the continuance of the Session.

Rep. Bain, of Va., offered the following additional Article to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the following be adopted as 31st Article of the By-Laws, and that others be numbered to agree therewith.

"A Brother holding membership in a Lodge under one jurisdiction shall not be allowed to hold membership in an Encampment under another State jurisdiction, unless there be no Encampment near his residence in the jurisdiction in which the Lodge is located."

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal :

I. O. O. F.

Office of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ohio, }
CINCINNATI, December 15th, 1846. }

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on page 913, of the second volume of the printed journal, authorizing the destruction of the old work, the undersigned reports that the directions of said resolution have been conformed to in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally

ALBERT G. DAY, *G. M. of Ohio.*

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on Diploma be requested to report upon the expediency of removing the restriction of the Grand Secretary in confining that officer to the selection of Grand Lodges as agents for the sale of the same, and also upon the expediency of disposing of said plates.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following resolution, which was read. On motion of Rep. Sessford, of D. of C., to lay the same on the table, it was resolved in the negative :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, D. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to prepare Odes and Music appropriate to the use of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to be substituted in lieu of those now in use, and that the same be printed with a new edition of the work, striking out therefrom those now in use.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., it was not agreed to :

Rep. Cole, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will entertain no proposition for new business from and after 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Griffin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the resolution offered by Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, report :

Art. 30 of the By-Laws of this G. L. directs Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments "to provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant States by prohibiting the Subordinates under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood." It is presumable that all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments have complied with this imperative law; but if any of them have failed to do so, the committee consider the prohibition contained in that article to be, nevertheless, binding on all Subordinates.

The committee therefore answer, that all the initiations in the District of Columbia, in violation of Article 30 of the By-Laws, should be prevented by the Grand Lodge of the District, and that all Lodges under that jurisdiction violating said article should be censured or otherwise punished by said Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
J. W. STOKES,
E. M. P. WELLS.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the question proposed by the R. W. G. L. of Mass., and report :

To permit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to amend her Constitution of Subordinates, so as "to make a scarlet member eligible to the office of N. G., after having served one term in any subordinate office," would be to sanction a departure from the uniform practice and ancient usage of the Order. The committee are unable to discover any sufficient reason for such a departure, and believe that service for one term in the V. G.'s chair should continue to be a necessary qualification for the office of N. G. They therefore add that this Grand Lodge would not sanction the amendment in question.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which on his motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, was agreed to :

Resolved, That the prohibition contained in the 30th By-Law of this Body applies only to adjoining or distant States, and not to distant parts of the same State.

Rep. Sessford, of the D. of C., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That each Rep. to this Grand Body be entitled to the privilege of introducing to the exercises of the Grand Lodge on this evening, such Past Grands as may wish to visit, and who are in possession of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "Resolved" and inserting the following, to wit : that no person be admitted to be present at the instruction in the work of the order on this evening, except Representatives and Officers of the G. L. U. S. and such persons as have been admitted by special resolutions of this Session to witness the deliberations of this body; which amendment was concurred in, and the question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Brown, of Miss., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the resolution on page 916, vol. 2, proceedings in relation to withdrawal cards, adopted at the last Session of the Grand Lodge, be so amended as to read :

"That the vote of a Subordinate Lodge, granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with, and releases the Lodge from all liability for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not. But if the card be taken, the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in such withdrawal cards."

Rep. Jones, of Ill., submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

In consequence of conflicting practices in different Subordinate Lodges, and for the sake of uniformity in the working of the Order, a report of the Committee on the State of the Order is required on the following query :

Where degrees are conferred by Subordinate Lodges, should the election for such degrees be held while the Lodge is open in the initiatory degree, or while open in the degree about to be conferred?

Rep. Morris. of Pa., submitted the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different State Grand Lodges and State Grand Encampments to appoint one or more competent brothers—(in no case to exceed four in any one State)—whose duty it shall be to visit each Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment in his district, *annually*, for the purpose of giving instructions in the work, as adopted by the Grand Lodge

of the United States at the last Session, so as to insure uniformity and sameness throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was not agreed to.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "requested" and inserting the word "directed," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the resolution submitted by Rep. Morris, it was agreed to.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge for the payment to P. G. Alfred Mudge, of Boston, for certain Odes and Music, adopted by the Committee on the Revision of the Work of the Order; also, for the plates of the music as per schedule presented to the Committee on Petitions—said Odes and Music being claimed by said Mudge as his private property.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom were referred the proceedings of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, on the subject of the establishment by the Order of a National Seminary of Learning, have attended to the duty assigned them, and would ask leave respectfully to report: That, inasmuch as a majority of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, as far as their proceedings have been received by this body, have reported adversely to the proposition, your committee would recommend that the further consideration of the subject by this Grand Lodge be for the present dismissed.

It is evident to your committee that in reporting against the proposition, some of the State Grand Lodges have labored under an error in supposing the plan presented by an individual member of the Order to have emanated from this Grand Lodge, which is not the fact.

Your committee have not deemed it their duty to reply to the various arguments that have been presented upon the subject, and they cannot but hope that a scheme, having for its objects results so salutary and beneficial, not only to the Order of Odd-Fellowship, but to the whole human family, will yet receive the favorable consideration of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred that portion of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with reference to the subject of printing Odes, beg leave to report: That further legislation on this subject is deemed unnecessary, as the exclusive right of this R. W. Body is clearly set forth in a resolution adopted at the session of 1846, page 956, which authority is further declared by a vote taken this day on a report of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., offered the following resolution which was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the words "white male of mature age," which being a requisite qualification for a candidate for membership to an Odd-Fellows' Lodge, shall not be so construed as to exclude civilized Indians who are of mature age and of good moral character from joining our Order.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the Digest, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee appointed at the last Communication to prepare a Digest of the Laws of the Order respectfully submit the following report :

The committee have devoted to the subject their undivided attention during a long Session, and have endeavored by diligent labor to comply with the terms of the resolution under which they were appointed. They have examined thoroughly and with great care all the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and have extracted everything in the form of well settled law which they could discover. They have frequently been embarrassed by conflicting decisions, but in all such cases they have either guided themselves by the weight of authority, or, where the preponderance was doubtful, have sought light from general and unquestioned principles. They have occasionally found it necessary to fill up spaces which the recorded legislation had left vacant, but they have introduced nothing to supply such defects which has not been sanctioned by well ascertained usage. In rare instances, also, they have felt constrained to incorporate into their work decisions which have been departed from by later legislation ; but they have always yielded to the necessity with great reluctance, and only when they were convinced that such a course was indispensable to the preservation of the unity and harmony of the system. Amid such masses of laws as have passed under their review, it was impossible that there should be entire consistency, but the committee have been extremely gratified to find that the instances of deviation from the true line have presented themselves at very wide intervals.

The plan which the committee have adopted, they hope will approve itself to the judgment of the Grand Lodge. After due deliberation, it was selected as the one best calculated for convenience of reference, and as affording the fairest opportunity of compressing the work into limits sufficiently narrow. It has been an object of which the committee have never lost sight, to avoid all unnecessary repetition, in order that the fraternity might be furnished with a hand-book, containing all that was essential, but at the same time not repulsive by reason of prolixity. To accomplish this, they have labored carefully, but they have never sacrificed to this idea of convenience any thing which they deemed of importance.

The Digest is accompanied by an Appendix containing all the *forms* which have been sanctioned, or are necessary under the laws, and also a revised copy of the Constitution, Laws, and Rules of Order, into which are incorporated the amendments from time to time adopted. In the preparation of this latter portion of the appendix some verbal alterations have been found absolutely necessary, but in no instance has the sense been interfered with.

The committee now ask leave to surrender their work into the hands of this Grand Lodge. It has been their constant care during many days and nights of labor, and they part from it with deep anxiety that it should be acceptable to the body under whose direction it has been executed.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN
WM. E. PARMENTER.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the report was accepted.

And, on motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., it was ordered that the report of the Committee on Digest be made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., and recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved. That the first N. G. of a newly instituted body be entitled to receive the degrees of P. V. G. and P. Secretary, and that the first V. G. of a similar Lodge be entitled to receive the degree of Past Secretary, in the same manner.

Rep. Bain, of Va., offered the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was not agreed to :

Resolved, That all Noble Grands, who shall pass the chairs, shall be entitled to receive the P. V. G. Degree and P. S. Degree ; and all Vice Grands who shall pass the chairs by dispensation, shall be entitled to the P. S. Degree.

The question recurring on the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Affron, of Ala., presented the Constitution of the G. Lodge of Ala., which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Grand Secretary William Curtis, of Pennsylvania, for his valuable services in officiating as Secretary of this body on yesterday.

Rep. Davis, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That Past Grand Representative Archer Ropes, M. W. Past Grand Master of Maryland, be invited to attend the Sessions of this Grand Lodge, and admitted to a seat within the body of the house.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., presented the Constitution of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., and Rep. Hough, of Va., respectively asked and obtained leave to change their vote from the affirmative to the negative upon the report of the Committee on Petitions in relation to the claim of Alfred Mudge, of Mass., and Bro. Taylor, of N. J.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following resolutions, which were read, and, on motion to refer the resolutions to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was not agreed to :

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge that members holding distinguished positions in the Order have assumed to themselves the power to give instructions in the *unwritten work*

of the Order in Lodges and Encampments other than those of their own State jurisdiction, and have lectured and addressed Lodges and Encampments (without authority) upon the principles, history and government of the Order, in conflict with the proceedings of various Grand Lodges. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the officers of Lodges and Encampments are the only authorized persons to give instructions in the work—that their instructions must be limited to the body over which they may preside—that Lodges and Encampments can only receive instructions from the legally constituted authorities of the State in which they be located.

Resolved, That all lectures or addresses on Odd-Fellowship, either in public or private, are hereby strictly and positively prohibited, without special dispensation being previously obtained from the Grand Lodge of the State in which the address is proposed to be delivered.

Whereupon the resolutions were referred to a Select Committee.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read, and on motion ordered to lie on the table :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the following communications of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and Grand and Subordinate Encampments, to wit: Grand Lodges of Maine, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin; Grand Encampments of Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Virginia and Ohio. Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, and Lake Dunmore Lodge, No. 11, of Vermont, Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, and Pensacola Lodge, No. 3, of Florida, and Telulah Lodge, No. 2, of Arkansas; Woodville Encampment, No. 4, of Mississippi, Magnolia Encampment, No. 4, of Louisiana, and Sah-wah-tiny Encampment, No. 3, of Michigan; beg leave to report,

That upon an examination of the Constitutions submitted to them, they find those of the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Missouri, and Tennessee to have been examined and approved of by this body at its last Session.

They further report, that they find in the Constitutions of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments hereinafter mentioned, certain provisions the object of which would appear to be the exclusion of all Past Officers from seats in those bodies, other than such as shall be represented representatives by the several Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. From the ancient usage of the Order, and from the decisions of this Grand Lodge, your committee are compelled to report against any legislation by State Grand Lodges or Encampments, the effect of which would be to deprive past officers of certain rights guaranteed to them by virtue of their services as officers of Subordinates. These rights, in the opinion of your committee, are to seats in the Grand Lodges or Encampments, to vote for Grand officers, and an eligibility to office. It is not here intended to question the power of the several State Grand Bodies so to regulate their Constitutions as to establish a system by which their Subordinates shall be represented on a ratio of population; but simply to deny the power of depriving Past Officers of the privileges acquired by service. The committee would therefore recommend the alteration of Art. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Art. 1, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Art. 2, Sec. 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Art. 1 and Art. 3, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Art. 2, Sec. 1 and Art. 3, Sec. 3 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, and Art. 2, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, in such manner as to entitle all Past Presiding Officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to the privileges of seats and of voting for Grand Officers.

They would further report that by Art. 3, Sec. 2, Clause 11 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and Art. 5. Sec. 2, and Art. 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, the power is conferred upon D. D. Grand Officers to confer Past Official Degrees upon officers entitled thereto. It being now under the

consideration of a committee of this body whether such degrees can be conferred in any other place than the place of meeting of the several State Grand Bodies, your committee would recommend that if the report of the committee is in favor of such power, these Constitutions be confirmed; but if adverse, that they be amended in this respect.

They would further report that by Art. 3, Sec. 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Art. 6, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Art. 3, Sec. 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Art. 3, Sec. 5, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, during the absence of the Grand Master, and all Past Grand Masters, the senior member present is charged with the duty of installing the Grand Officers. In the opinion of your committee the obligations of officers can only be administered by those upon whom they have been already conferred, they would therefore recommend the alterations of the above Constitutions in this respect.

They would further report, that by Sec. 6 of the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and by a provision of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, certain jewels are laid down as those which shall be worn. This subject being now under consideration in this Grand Lodge, your committee would recommend that these Constitutions be so altered as to correspond with such regulations as shall be adopted by this body upon the subject.

They would further report, that Art. 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, confers upon the Grand Master the power of calling meetings of the Subordinate Lodges when he shall deem it requisite, or when requested to do so by seven members. In the opinion of your committee, the N. G. of a Subordinate Lodge, as the presiding officer, should alone have the power of calling it together; they would therefore recommend, that as much of the said Constitution as confers upon the Grand Master this power, be stricken out.

They further report, that by Chap. 5, Sec. 3 of the General Laws for the government of Subordinates in Indiana, Art. 21 of the By-Laws of Woodville Encampment, No. 4, Mississippi, Art. 11, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws of Magnolia Encampment, No. 4, Louisiana, and Sec. 9 of the By-Laws of Telulah Lodge, No. 2, Arkansas, it is permitted that visiting cards should be given by the Secretary or Scribe, without application in open Lodge. In the opinion of your committee all cards should be passed upon by the Lodge from which such cards proceeded; they would therefore recommend such alterations in the above By-Laws as will require all cards to be granted in open Lodge.

They would further report that by Art. 2, Sec. 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments in the State of Massachusetts, it is left optional with such bodies, whether benefit shall be paid to the members. In the opinion of your committee, the right of a member of the Order to draw benefits is vested, and not optional with the Encampments, further than to deprive him thereof for improper conduct, or for violating their financial laws. They would therefore recommend that such alteration be made therein as will render the benefits imperative.

They would further report that by Art. 6, Sec. 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, upon the petition of seven scarlet members, a charter for an Encampment shall be granted. Believing this to be in opposition to Art. 2 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and that members of the R. P. degree are alone qualified to petition for an Encampment charter, your committee would recommend it be so amended as to require the petitioners to be of that degree.

They would further report that Art. 14 of the General Laws adopted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, having reference solely to membership in Encampments, in the opinion of your committee an improper subject for legislation by a Grand Lodge, they would therefore recommend that it be stricken out.

They would further report that by Art. 9 of the Constitution of Woodville Encampment, No. 4, Mississippi, the Junior Warden is made an appointed officer. The usage of the Order having made this office elective, your committee would recommend the words "Junior Warden" be stricken out in the 9th Art. and inserted after the words "Senior Warden" in Art. 2.

They would further report that by Art. 5, Sec. 4 of the By-Laws of Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, Florida, a P. G. is permitted to leave the Lodge-room without the P. W. of the V. G. This being directly contrary to the revised work of the Order, your committee would recommend that the last clause of such Section be stricken out.

They would further report that by Art. 2, Clause 5, of the By-Laws of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, notice of rejections are required to be sent only to Lodges in the vicinity; your committee would recommend its alteration so as to require that notice be sent to all the Lodges in the State.

They would further recommend the addition of the following words to Art. 1, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, "one of whom shall be qualified to fill the chair."

They would further recommend that Sec. 16, of Art. 9 of the By-Laws of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, be stricken out, it being in the opinion of your committee inexpedient to legislate upon such subject.

They would further report that by Art. 1, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of Magnolia Encampment, No. 4, Louisiana, its composition is stated to be of fifth degree members. In the opinion of your committee, no brother can become a member of an Encampment until duly elected therein, and that this description is too vague: they therefore recommend such alteration as will more explicitly define the composition thereof.

They further recommend that Sec. 5, Art. 19 of the By-Laws for the government of Subordinates in Pennsylvania, be so amended as to correspond to the semi-annual terms adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They further recommend that the Constitutions above referred to them being in all other respects correct, be approved.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
S. YORKE ARLEE,
W. H. BROWN.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to have the Subordinate work translated into the French and Spanish languages, and to have two hundred copies of the charge and lecture books printed in each language.

Rep. Ware, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Does the resolution on page 912, vol. 2, admit of the construction, that visiting brethren, having proved themselves entitled to admission, conformable with the law on page 690 are not required to work their way into a Lodge for introduction?

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., offered the following resolutions, which were read and ordered to lie on the table:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge in the assertion of its legitimate prerogatives, does not claim the right to the exercise of despotic and illimitable authority, except in so far as relates to the peculiar *work* of the Order, the necessity of perfect uniformity in which work is self evident, and which uniformity can only be attained and enforced by the direction of this body.

2d. That we recognize the power of State Grand Lodges so to shape their legislation in regard to minor particulars of municipal and police regulations, and in all measures not conflicting with the principles necessary to secure the integrity and due authority of this Body, as to them may seem proper and expedient, and as in their just and deliberate judgment may appear to be required by the true interest of the Order within their respective jurisdictions.

3d. That the Subordinate or common Lodges of the several jurisdictions possess certain rights, of which they cannot be lawfully divested. That the chief of these rights is involved in the fact that they comprehend and embrace the constituency by whose fiat is created the members of the

superior Lodges of the States and Territories, and finally of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that therefore they, as the said Subordinate or common Lodges, are of right entitled to be considered as the true root of the Order, and the original source of sovereign power and authority, within the limits prescribed and defined by their respective Constitutions.

The Chair named Reps. Marshall, of Ky., Ellison, of Mass., and Lilly, of N. J., as the Special Committee on the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio.

Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, relative to the action taken by a Subordinate Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, refusing admittance to members of a Subordinate Lodge of the former State, respectfully report, that upon examination of the papers submitted to them as well as the personal statements made by the Grand Representatives of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, they find that two brothers of the Order with regular visiting cards, from Leni Lenape Lodge, of New Jersey, were refused admittance in Doylestown Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Subordinate of New Jersey communicated the fact to their Grand Master, who opened a correspondence with the Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania, calling his attention to the action of the Lodge in his jurisdiction, and not receiving an answer, submitted the complaint to the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, who directed their Grand Representatives to present the subject to this body. Previous to your committee proceeding to examine the merits of this question, they were requested to suspend action, and permit the communication to be returned to your R. W. Body, to the end that the attention of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall be called to the action of her Subordinate, that any violation of the laws of the Order may be corrected. As this request was made by the Grand Representatives of Pennsylvania, and acceded to by the Grand Representatives of New Jersey, for the purpose of producing the harmony which undoubtedly ought to exist between two jurisdictions, so closely allied by geographical affinity, and as an act of justice to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who did not know of the act of her Subordinate. Your committee offer for your consideration the annexed resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. COFFIN,
WENDELL T. DAVIS,
W. E. ANDERSON.

Resolved. That the annexed communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be referred to the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to communicate a copy of this report and resolution to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Yohe presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a copy of the Journal entire of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; also, a copy of the proceedings entire of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, to be presented to the elective and Grand Officers of this body, and through the Grand Reps. one copy to each State Grand Lodge and Encampment, and to each P. G. Sire.

The Corresponding Secretary, from the Committee on the Digest, made a further report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the Digest, to whom was referred the subject of preparing a suitable funeral service for the burial of deceased members, ask leave to report the following as an address and prayer, the form of procession and regalia as adopted at the last Session have been considered by the committee in full force and meet their

approbation, except the fifth clause, page 962, vol. 2, which is dispensed with, by the address and prayer, herewith reported.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
H. HOPKINS,
WM. E. PARMENTER.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

We are assembled, my brethren, to render the last office which the living may minister to the dead.

Man is born to die. The coffin, the grave, the sepulchre, speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood, however unheeded it may be, of "man's latter end." Youth in its harmlessness and comparative innocency, and manhood with its wonted vigor and pride of strength, are not more exempt than decrepit and tottering age from the fixed law of being which dedicates all that is mortal to decay and death.

This truth is inscribed in the great volume of nature upon its every page. The beautiful and the sublime which the handiwork of the Creator displays on our every side, fearfully associate the unerring certainty of the end of all things, amid the vividness of the moral which they are ever suggesting to the contemplative mind.

Day after day, we are called upon to follow our fellow creatures to that "bourne whence no traveller returns: but from the house of mourning we go forth again to mingle in the crowded world, heedless perhaps of the precarious tenure of life and the certainty of that end to which all flesh is rapidly tending. He who gives the vigour of body, without warning, paralyzes the stout heart, and strikes down the athletic frame—the living of to-day, become the dead of the morrow.

Men appear upon and disappear from the stage of life, as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters—"In the midst of life we are in death." He, whose lips now echo these tones of solemn warning, in turn will be stilled in the cold and cheerless house of the dead, and in the Providence of God none may escape.

Let us then so far improve the lesson as to be prepared for that change, which leads to life eternal.

PRAYER.

Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in thee shall not die—hear, we beseech thee, the voice of thy creatures here assembled, and turn not away from our supplications.

We humbly beseech Thee, so to imbue us with a conviction of our entire helplessness and dependence upon thee, that we may be brought to meditate upon the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. In the dispensation of thy Providence, thou hast summoned from amongst us our brother, and we the surviving monuments of thy mercy are gathered together to commit his remains to the earth. Give, O God, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit to us, whom thou hast spared; increase our knowledge, and confirm our faith in thee, forever.

[Bless and comfort, we pray thee, those whom it has pleased thee to add to the number of the disconsolate; buoy them up under this heavy stroke, sustain them against despondency. O! wilt thou be their Father and their God, and pour down from on high thy blessings upon their heads.] Bless, O Heavenly Father! the brethren here assembled; imbue them with the wisdom of thy laws, and draw them unto thee by the cords of thy inestimable love; impress them with their duty to each other as brethren, and their obligations in the various relations of human life, and, finally, bless our beloved Order throughout the globe. Preserve its principles and its par-

poses from innovation; sustain it from the shafts of enmity—protect it from self immolation, and shield it from all evil, and unto thee we shall render the praise, forever—AMEN.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the committee on that subject, submitted the following inquiry, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Lodge working in a foreign language keep a record of their proceedings in any other than the English language?

Rep. McKinnell, of La., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a Junior Past Grand an officer of a Lodge, and can a Junior Past Grand be elected to and fill any office in a Subordinate Lodge?

Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Reps. of New Jersey have leave to take from the files of this Grand Lodge, the papers referred to the Committee upon the difficulties between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the index to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, prepared by the Digest Committee, be printed in connection with the report of that committee.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 24, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. Grand Sire Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Journal of the Session of yesterday being in process of reading, on motion the further reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the question sent in by the Grand Lodge of Delaware, report:

A State Grand Lodge has power to expel a member from its own body, but it possesses no power to expel a member altogether from the Order. It may, however, order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to this order the Subordinate must yield obedience.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have duly weighed the remarks in the report of the late Most Worthy Grand Sire, and the R. W. G. Secretary, recommending an alteration of the By-Laws so as to vest in the Grand Officers power

to give a dispensation for a new Lodge in a foreign country to less than five qualified petitioners.

The committee are convinced that the introduction of the American Order into foreign countries, should be the result of the most deliberate and careful action, and they believe that all applications not coming strictly within the provisions of the By-Law should be reserved for the decision of this body.

With proper respect for the opinions of the late Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, they report that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. McCauley, of Md.

In answer to that part of the question which touches the alteration of the charter of a State Grand Lodge the committee say that the G. L. has no power to make such alteration without the consent of the State Grand Lodge.

In answer to the remainder of the question the committee say, that this G. L. has abundant power to direct any Grand Lodge to remove any clause or article from its Constitution or By-Laws which may conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, even though said Constitution or By-Laws may have been approved by this body. If it be necessary to explain this position the committee would only add that the examination of constitutions is entrusted by this G. L. entirely to one of its standing committees. On the press and hurry of business that committee might accidentally overlook erroneous provisions and report in favor of approving. It would be a monstrous supposition that this G. L. by the adoption of the report of the committee would give its sanction to a violation of its own laws.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have reviewed their report on the mode of conferring the Grand Encampment Degree, presented on the second day of the Communication, and re-committed "with instructions to include the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees in their inquiry."

So far as the Grand Encampment Degree is concerned, the committee have nothing to add to their former report. They regret that it is out of their power to sanction the practice said to prevail in some jurisdictions, which entrusts to District Deputy Grand Patriarchs authority to confer the Grand Encampment Degree. The practice, in the opinion of the committee, is decidedly erroneous and ought to be corrected. But while the committee entertain this opinion, they still think that there is no reasonable objection to the conferring of the degree in a room contiguous to the hall of the Grand Encampment. All rooms so contiguous, may, for all practical purposes, be considered to be part and parcel of the place where the Grand Body is actually assembled.

As to the Grand Lodge Degree and the Past Official Degrees, the committee say—*The Grand Lodge Degree* (like the Grand Encampment Degree) should regularly be

given in the very room in which the G. Body is assembled; but by special permission of the Grand Lodge, it may be conferred in a contiguous room. The *Past Official Degree* may be conferred by a District Deputy Grand Master, or in any other manner authorized by the Grand Lodge. The difference between the two is essential. The former is matter of substance and draws after it actual membership in the Grand Lodge. The latter are mere honorary distinctions.

Resolutions are appended.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment Degree can regularly be given only during the Session, and in the room in which the G. Encampment is assembled; but by special permission it may be conferred in some contiguous room.

Resolved, That a similar rule applies to the G. Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges may authorize District Deputy Grand Masters to confer the Past Official Degrees at any time, upon persons duly qualified, or may direct said degree to be conferred in any other manner.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to lay the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to recommit the report to the committee, it was not agreed to. The question recurring on the report and resolutions: on motion the report was accepted; a division of the question being called for on the resolutions, they were considered seriatim. The question being on the first resolution, it was agreed to; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, of Mississippi, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Clark, of Conn., DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Haines, Jones, Kerlin, Morris, McKinnell, Macdonough, Parker, (2 votes,) Roche, Sessford, Senter, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, (2 votes,) Wells, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Kennedy—45.

NAYS—Reps. Clark, of N. J., Day, Demick, Dwinelle, Green, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) Neally, Smith, Wakefield—11.

The question being on the second resolution it was concurred in; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., (2 votes,) Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, (2 votes,) Clark, of Conn., DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Haines, Jones, Kerlin, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Macdonough, Parker, Roche, (2 votes,) Sessford, Senter, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Theobald, Wilson, Woodruff, (2 votes,) Wells, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins, Sherlock—50.

NAYS—Reps. Clark, of N. J., Day, Dimon, Dwinelle, Green, Lilly, Marshall, Neally, Williamson, Wakefield—10.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance ask leave to report, that they have examined the books, vouchers, and other documents of the Secretary and Treasurer, submitted to them, and find the condition of the treasury as follows:

Cash on hand, September 25, 1846, as per report of Treasurer and Finance Committee of that date,	\$9,150 18
Cash paid to Treasurer, by the Secretary, from September 25, 1846, to September 23, 1847, for Dues, Rep. Tax, Books, Cards, &c., &c.,	10,406 39
Total,	<hr/> \$19,556 57
Amount paid by Treasurer, as per his account, stated from September 25th. 1846, to Sept 23d, 1847,	13,289 78
Total balance in the Treasury,	<hr/> \$6,266 79

The following claims against the Grand Lodge have been examined and found correct.

Thomas Sherlock, P. G. Sire, travelling expenses, Session of 1847, as G. Sire,	100 00
Expenses postage bill, 1847	39 40
Albert Case, P. D. G. Sire's travelling expenses, Session 1847, as D. G. Sire,	50 00
Bro. J. G. Treadwell, P. G. Marshal's travelling expenses, Session 1847, a G. Marshal,	40 00
Smith Skinner, Grand Marshal, travelling expenses,	25 00
Levin Jones, P. G. Guardian for travelling expenses, as G. Guardian, 1847,	12 00
Albert Case, P. D. G. Sire, cash freight of Charter for Grand Lodge, British North America,	1 00
Postage,	3 81
J. E. Chamberlain, for newspapers furnished Grand Lodge, and ice,	9 00
J. W. Casilean, for printing visiting cards and French paper	317 25
Isaac Snell, for blank book	1 25
James M. Anderson, engraving,	36 00
Johnson & Holliday, for balance of bill for desks	177 00
F. Liese, A. Buckenberger and C. Mayer, for translating the revised work into the German language,	150 00
	<hr/> \$964 71

Which amount the committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer,	
Total unappropriated cash balance in the Treasury,	\$5,305 08
This Grand Lodge holds 64 shares of Ohio six per cent. stock (on which 12 months' interest is now due,) and for which they paid	6,017 00

There is due, but unavailable, the following sums:

Notes of G. W. Churchill,	\$260 00
Arkansas bonds,	192 50—\$452 50

The duties and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary have accumulated in full ratio with the growth and prosperity of the Order; we deem the compensation of that officer too small for the valuable services rendered, and respectfully recommend its increase to \$1200 per annum. The trifling compensation of \$150, permits the G. Messenger to give only a portion of his time to the duties of the Grand Secretary's office; the Secretary cannot do without assistance, and we recommend that the salary of the Grand Messenger be increased to \$400, and that in addition to the duties now required of him by law, he shall attend the office of the Corresponding Secretary daily from the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., until 3 P. M., and shall perform all such duties as the Corresponding Secretary may direct.

All of which, with the accompanying resolutions, are most respectfully submitted.

HENRY W. McKINNEL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Resolved, That the proper officers draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the several claims reported above and appropriations recommended.

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for payment of Grand Officers' salaries, as follows: Grand Corresponding Secretary, twelve hundred dollars, payable quarterly, on his own order on the Treasurer; and four hundred dollars, for the salary of Grand Messenger, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; and one hundred dollars, for the salary of Grand Treasurer, payable quarterly on his own receipt.

Rep. Senter, of N.H., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report and accompanying resolutions, which were read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Special Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Representative Parker, of N. H., as follows:

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment hereafter have power to hold their Sessions at such places as they may deem expedient, within their jurisdiction.

Perceiving the necessity of having a fixed point, under each Grand Lodge and G. Encampment, to which all communications should be directed, and from which all documents should emanate, and wishing to avoid all subjects of legislation which may create sectional jealousies and disputes, we are of the opinion that the interests of the Order demand a permanent location for each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and that, in no instance, should they be allowed to change them, save in such cases, as are already provided by the laws of this Body.

TIMO. G. SENTER,
WM. B. KERLIN,
SAMUEL LILLY,

Therefore, Resolved, That no further action on the resolution be entertained.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., from the committee on the subject of purchasing McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the Journal, made a report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report whether the resolution providing for the mode of altering the written and unwritten Work of the Order, and recorded on page 964 of volume 2nd of the proceedings of this Body, be a valid existing law of this Body, or whether it be not in conflict with Articles XV, XVI and XVII of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Wakefield of N. J., it was

Resolved, That the Past Grand Sires and R. W. Grand Secretary be a committee to prepare and report to the next Session of this Grand Lodge, full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order, and that the Grand Secretary shall keep a secret record of such instructions, and of all alterations or changes that may hereafter be made in the same.

Rep. Taylor, of S. C., on motion of Rep. DeSaussure, had leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, on account of indisposition.

On motion, Rep. Demick, of Conn., had leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, after to-day.

Rep. Anderson, of Ga., submitted the following order, which was read and adopted:

Ordered that all financial matters connected with the Digest, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to be audited by them and reported to this Body.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., after the morning Session.

On motion of Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on the Digest.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., to accept the report of the committee, and adopt the Digest of the Laws of the Order accompanying the same—

Rep. Green, of N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the form following, to wit: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to—the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge accept the report of the committee, and adopt the accompanying Digest of the Laws," which was resolved in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brown, Brewer, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Clarke, of Conn., Davis, of Massachusetts, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Hough, Haines, (2 votes,) Jones, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, MacRae, Moore, McCauley, (2 votes,) Macdonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Senter, (2 votes,) Smith, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Williamson, Wilson, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Hopkins, Sherlock—52.

NAYS—Reps. Day, Kerlin, Morris, McKinnell, Spooner, Stokes—6

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following question:

Will it be incumbent on State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments and the Executive officers thereof to enforce rigidly in their respective jurisdictions the provisions and requirements contained in the Digest of Laws and decisions this day adopted by this Body?

Which question the G. Sire answered in the affirmative.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the following claims against the Grand Lodge, and find them correct:

Grand Sire H. R. Kneass' expenses, for Session of 1847,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
Jas. D. McCabe, Grand Chaplain, for expenses incurred attending Session					
1847,	-	-	-	-	68 00
N. A. Thompson, Deputy Grand Sire, travelling expenses,	.	-	-	-	60 00
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					\$153 00

Which amount the committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer.

H. McKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

On that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to desks and chairs, the committee have to report the following preamble and resolution.

H. McKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

WHEREAS the sum of \$500, appropriated at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, for desks and chairs for G. Representatives, has been found insufficient: therefore,

Resolved, That the further sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Grand Recording Secretary, for the purchase of chairs for the use of members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, on the application of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for the repayment of the ten per cent. which accrued from the first day of January to the time of its institution, report:

It appears the charter of this Grand Lodge issued from the office of the Grand Secretary on the 10th day of December, and was transmitted to the M. W. Grand Sire at Cincinnati immediately, but in consequence of its conveyance being delayed on the way, from the neglect of the agent to whom it was entrusted, and other adverse circumstances, it did not reach the hands of the instituting officer until first day of June. As it was the intention of the R. W. G. Lodge, (as appears by the alteration of one of the By-Laws at its last Session, vol. 2, p. 967) that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin should be instituted with as little delay as possible, in the opinion of your committee the Grand Lodge of the United States, should not take advantage of the misfortunes which deprived her Subordinate of a large portion of her revenues. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

HENRY McKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON.

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary is hereby authorized, in the settlement of the accounts with the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, to deduct the ten per cent. which accrued between the 1st day of January and 1st day of June.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., from the committee on this subject, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred sundry papers relative to the removal of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, beg leave to report: That nine of said papers purport to be petitions or memorials of different Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of Alabama, and express a desire for and against the proposed removal, and that one of them is an authenticated copy of certain resolutions of the said Grand Lodge upon the subject. In consequence of the fact, as understood by this committee, that this Grand Body, by the adoption on yesterday of the report of the Special Committee to whom were referred the petitions and memorials of the Subordinate Lodges of Ohio, praying a removal of the Grand Lodge of that State, did in effect deny the Subordinate Lodges of local jurisdictions, the right of petitioning this Grand Lodge without the express sanction and approval of the Grand Lodges of their respective jurisdictions, your committee did not think it proper to take into consideration the facts and arguments in the communications from the said Subordinates, and therefore confined themselves to the document emanating from the Grand Lodge alone.

The document from the Grand Lodge of Alabama sets forth, that at its Session of April, 1846, a resolution was adopted, "that the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby petitioned to remove the seat of the Grand Lodge to some suitable point in the interior of the State." And further that at a subsequent Session, the said Grand Lodge passed another resolution on the same subject, directing its Grand Representative to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States a copy of the foregoing resolution, duly authenticated.

Regarding these resolutions of the Grand Lodge alone, as the proper data for our opin-

ions and decision, under the action of this Grand Body, already alluded to, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Grand Lodge of Alabama be granted, and that its Sessions shall hereafter be held at such place within said State as said Grand Lodge, at some regular Session, may determine upon.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Digest of Laws be authorized and directed to prepare a supplement to the Digest already reported, to contain the laws and decisions adopted at this Session, and that the same be published together with the Digest of Laws.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., submitted the following resolutions, which were ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have the Digest of Laws secured by copy-right.

Resolved, That the Digest be printed in convenient form, and sold to Grand Lodges and Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, immediately under this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Journal, from 1843, to the close of this Session, be printed, stereotyped and copy-right secured.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on printing, to act in conjunction with the Grand Secretary in the above work.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., from the committee to whom the subject was re-committed, submitted the following amended report and resolutions, which were adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom were referred so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the purchasing of the copy-right and stereotype plates of the journal, have carefully considered the same, and deem the subject of much interest to your honorable body.

The publishers manifest a willingness to transfer their right of property to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and although the same on the terms proposed by your committee, may be a tax on this Grand Lodge for a few years, at no very distant period they are persuaded it will prove a source of revenue.

We therefore recommend the purchase of the copy-right and stereotype plates from Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell, of volume 1, and Nos. 1 and 2 of volume 2, of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, upon the terms specified in the resolutions appended, said publishers delivering over to the Secretary all the numbers of said Journals now in their possession, they binding themselves to have two hundred dollars worth of the same on hand at customary valuation.

G. P. SMITH,
P. DEMICK,
EDW. S. HOUGH.

Resolved, That the proper officers of this R. W. G. Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with the publishers and proprietors of the Journal of its Proceedings (Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell) for the copy-right and stereotype plates of the same, upon the following terms, to wit : Fifteen hundred dollars, payable in three annual instalments of \$500 each.

Resolved. further, That it shall be referred to the Grand Representatives of the State of New York, to cause the stereotype plates of volume I, and Nos. 1 and 2 of volume II, (being Journal 1844 and 1845,) to be examined, and upon their certificate being filed in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, that the said plates are in good order and in a proper state of preservation, then the G. Sire and Corresponding Secretary are hereby authorized to close the said contract and to give to the said parties the corporate notes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the terms prescribed in the first resolution.

Rep. Moore, of the D. of C., from the Special Committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., ordered to lie on the table :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to which was referred so much of the annual report of the Grand Sire as relates to the present organization of State Grand Lodges, and the necessity which exists for a change in the construction of some of those bodies, have embodied in the accompanying resolutions the best plan which they can devise for accomplishing the object which has been submitted to their consideration.

This plan, it will be perceived, contemplates the retention of the general legislative power in the Past Grands, where it has always been placed, and which power it is deemed inexpedient to transfer to the Subordinate Lodges. The Past Grands, as a distinct class, in possession of an exalted degree which they can only obtain through the elective voice of the mass of their brethren, have always exercised this privilege. That they have used it wisely, is abundantly attested by the prosperity of the Order; that to continue it in the same class of members can work no injustice to the great body of the fraternity, has been fully demonstrated by experience; and that it is unsafe to place it any where else, must be apparent to every member who carefully examines the various relations and responsibilities which are imposed by the different degrees of the Order. Your committee do not approve the suggestions which point to the propriety of reconstructing Grand Lodges on a strictly representative principle, by permitting the delegates to such bodies to be chosen by the initiatory Lodge. In Grand Lodges thus organized the Order could not repose as much confidence as in those which would emanate from the Past Grands alone; for the reason that a Grand Lodge, composed of delegates elected by the initiatory Lodge, would be subject to the control of that Lodge, either by express instructions or by means of the ballot, and as many of the members of such Lodges owe no direct obedience to this Parent Body, its interests and those of the Order at large would not be sufficiently protected. Your committee, therefore, deem it their duty to recommend an adherence to the custom which separates the legislative power of the States from the ordinary business and work of the Lodges, and confines it exclusively to Past Grands in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree, whose imperative duty it is to see that the general laws and work of this Grand Lodge are duly carried into effect.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
JOHN C. YEAGER.

I agree in the report, with the exception of so much as relates to the election of the delegates to State Grand Lodges being confined exclusively to the Past Grands, preferring it should be made by members in good standing in the Subordinates.

M. WOODRUFF.

The following are the resolutions offered by the committee for the consideration of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Past Grands are the conservative power in Odd-Fellowship, in whom is vested the legislative power for the government of the Order in their respective States.

Resolved, That experience has demonstrated that the exercise of this power for the general good is not incompatible with any of the duties devolving on the same class of members as the representatives of their various Subordinate Lodges on questions of a merely local nature, which directly affect the interests of the Lodges.

Resolved, That the Past Grands being thus constituted the especial guardians of the honor and interests of the Order, it is their duty to conform to all needful regulations having in view the preservation and harmony of the institution committed to their charge, and when they neglect or refuse to perform this duty, it is obligatory on them to surrender their trust to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from whence it was received.

Resolved, That in view of the augmentation of the members entitled to seats in the Grand Lodges of some of the States, it is necessary, in order to reduce those bodies to a working number, to reorganize them upon principles different from those which have heretofore prevailed; and therefore, it is hereby enacted and directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States—

1st. That no Grand Lodge shall be composed of more than ——— hundred members entitled to active participation in its legislative proceedings, except in cases where the number of Lodges within any jurisdiction shall exceed ——— hundred, in which case none of them shall be entitled to more than one active voice in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. That whenever the Past Grands within any jurisdiction shall exceed the number above prescribed, the Grand Lodge of such jurisdiction shall devise some just and equitable apportionment of representation, whereby each of its Subordinates, through some of their Past Grands, may have its due weight and influence in the proceedings of the Grand Body, according to the number of its members in good standing at the date of its last official report.

3rd. That the Past Grand dignity shall continue to be recognized in all brethren of good standing who are in possession of the Grand Lodge degree, and who shall have duly served a regular or special term of office in conformity to the laws of this Grand Lodge, so far as to permit them to visit their State Grand Lodges, and to render them eligible to any of its offices, as well as to entitle them to vote, in person or by proxy under seal of their Lodge duly attested, at all elections for officers thereof; also, so far as to recognize the Past Grands of each Lodge as the electoral body from and by which all the delegates on the part of said Lodge to the State Grand Lodge are to be chosen.

4th. Delegates to represent Subordinate Lodges in a Grand Lodge shall be elected for one year, and be eligible for re-election. They shall each be entitled to one vote on any question that may be determined in their presence; except in the case of Lodges that shall send a single delegate, in which case such delegate, when present at the taking of any vote, shall be entitled to cast the full vote to which his Lodge may be entitled.

Rep. Bain, of Va., asked and obtained leave to place on the Journal the following resolution, as a substitute for the above :

Resolved, That Section 5, Art. 1, Division 3d, on page 35, of the Digest, fully sets forth the doctrine with regard to P. G's and Grand Lodges in the premises.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Brown of N. H., asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Haines, of Maine, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Brown, of Miss., offered the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of each Session of the Grand Lodge a list of the members and officers with their respective addresses, if furnished, and their highest titles in the Order.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred sundry petitions and papers for the charter of Lodges in foreign parts, respectfully report :

1st. On the petition for a charter of a Lodge to be styled Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in the town of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian.

While your committee view with much regret the course pursued by the D. D. G. Sire of Massachusetts, in 1844, in the origin of this proceeding, as one furnishing a dangerous precedent, yet as your petitioners did not partake in the enactment of the fault, and have acted in good faith under their dispensation, and thus give us good reason to believe that their efforts will result in the formation of a valuable Lodge, if a charter be granted them, your committee do therefore recommend its being so granted.

2nd. On the petition for a Lodge in the same town, to be styled Pacific Lodge, No. 1, as a rival institution, your committee recommend that the petition for a charter of the same be not granted.

3d. On the petition for a charter of a Lodge to be styled Venezuela Lodge, No. 1, to be located in the city of Caracas, Province of Venezuela, South America, your committee recommend the granting the petition for a charter.

4th. On the informal petition for a Lodge in Pellotas, Brazil, your committee recommend that a charter be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the request of Telulah Lodge, No. 2, in Arkansas, for permission to change the time of their meeting

from Saturday evening to Friday evening, for the better accommodation of their country members, respectfully report: That Telulah Lodge have permission so to change their time of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the report of the special committee, (page 1078 of the Journal,) relative to publications in periodicals. On motion the report was accepted.

A division being asked on the resolutions accompanying the report, the same were considered seriatim.

The question being on the first resolution, it was amended by striking out all after the words "best interests," and the resolution, as amended, was rejected.

The question being on the second resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the resolutions offered by him, now lying on the table, providing for the printing and disposition of the Digest, which was agreed to:

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Representatives of each State and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment be furnished with a perfected and complete copy of the Digest of Laws.

Rep. Hough, of Va., submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Under instructions from the G. Lodge of Virginia, Rep. Hough, of Va., seconded by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved that Art. XI of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "annually" in the first line and insert "every fourth year."

Rep. Neally, of Me., offered the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the 19th Article of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words "his Grand Lodge or Encampment" on the 25th page, 4th line from the top of the page, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "this Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the By-Law, on page 1034 of the Journal, proposed by Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., which being under consideration, was ordered again to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tenn., the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, adopted by that body, were approved:

Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, growing out of the change of the terms of officers in Subordinates, in compliance with a law passed at the last Session of this G. Lodge, making the term of service six months instead of three.

Article 4, Sec. 3, third line, strike out the word "quarter," and insert "semi-annual Session."
Article 5, Section 1, line twenty-one, strike out the word "quarterly" and insert "semi-annual"—
Sec. 4, same article, line two from the bottom, strike out "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually"—
Sec. 11, same Article, line four from bottom, strike out "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually"—
Sec. 12, same Article, line three from bottom, strike out "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually"—
Article 11, line three, strike out "quarter" and insert "official term."

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., submitted the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That when the Yeas and Nays are ordered, a Grand Representative shall cast his individual vote only.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the Digest, reported an Appendix to the same, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That Sections 15 and 16 of Article 2 Digest of Laws, defining funeral regalia, be, and they are hereby repealed and annulled.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order.

Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?"

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which being decided in the affirmative, the main question was then put as follows: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution passed on the motion of Rep. Roche, of Md.

The committee find no difficulty in answering the abstract question. The general usage of the Order does not recognize the propriety of Subordinate Lodges electing two sets of officers. But the committee cannot suffer the announcement of the general proposition to come before the Grand Lodge without a statement of the particular case which has given rise to the question.

The mover of the resolution has handed to the committee the journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, for May, 1847. From the proceedings spread upon that journal, the committee find that William Tell Lodge, No. 4, has been in the practice, for seventeen years, of electing two sets of officers. The reason of this practice is, that the Lodge, by special permission from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, works both in the English and German languages. The officers are elected for twice the usual term, and serve alternate nights. *Each set now serves twenty-six nights.* This practice has been tolerated by the Grand Lodge of Maryland since the year 1830, and the Past Grands promoted in William Tell Lodge have enjoyed all the privileges of the Grand Lodge. The committee would consider it an act of gross injustice at this late day, by abstract legislation, to overturn a practice which is identified, as the committee are assured, with the existence of the Lodge. In the instance of this particular Lodge, the committee think that the privilege in question should not be withdrawn, anomalous though it may be. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Roche, of Md., that the report lie on the table, it was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the report, it was agreed to.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., seconded by Rep. Day, of Ohio, moved to reconsider the vote adopting the above report of the Committee on the State of the Order, pending the consideration of which,

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, September 24, 4 o'clock

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, H. R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, G. Officers, and a due representation.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the motion pending at the adjournment, to wit: to reconsider the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, in relation to William Tell Lodge of Maryland.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.—The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge agree to reconsider the report?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order having examined the resolution of Rep. Brown, of Miss., report, that the explanation which is thereby proposed to be given of the law of withdrawal cards, is already given in the Digest. See Section 6, Art. VII, Division 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Ellison, of Mass.

The committee cannot deny that the 30th Article of the By-Laws is obscure, but they are convinced that the reason and spirit of the law require that it should be interpreted as prohibiting the initiation of persons in any part or place of their own, as well as other States, distant from their permanent residences, while Lodges and Encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Yeager, of Penn., and report: That it would be improper to legislate on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in obedience to the resolution passed on the motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., have enquired into the constitutionality of the second resolution to be found on page 964 of vol. 2.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity of some such protection to the work of the Order as this resolution attempts to throw around it, but they are constrained after due reflection to declare that the resolution conflicts with Article XV

of the Constitution which provides that all questions (excepting, of course, alterations of the Constitution or By-Laws) shall be decided by a majority of the votes given. The resolution is therefore null and void.

The Committee have been advised that the necessary amendment to the Constitution will be laid on the table during the present communication.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims and found them correct.

Samuel L. Harris, G. Guardian, for expenses incurred in attending Grand Lodge, Session of 1847,

\$20 00

Wm. Duane Wilson, postage paid as District Dep. G. Sire of Wisconsin, 1847, 4 50

Which amount the committee recommend to be settled by the proper officer, \$24 50

H. McKINNELL,
JNO. W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Finance report that they have had under consideration the expenses attending the preparation of the Digest of the Laws of the Order. The resolution of the last Session authorizing the appointment of the committee on Digest, includes a provision contemplating the payment of the expenses and services of its members. From the information before them, your committee have determined upon the sum named in the subjoined resolution as a proper appropriation for the contingencies and remuneration of that committee. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Digest of the Laws of the Order.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, respectfully beg leave to report, that this Grand Lodge has already legislated on the subject referred to in the resolutions, and that the law is sufficiently precise, as will appear by reference to the Digest of Laws, Article 3, Section 3, page 25, and Proceedings of the Session of 1844, vol. 2, page 661. Your committee therefore think that it is inexpedient to pass the resolutions, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
SAMUEL LILLY.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following By-Law, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, according to the Rule of Order:

Art. . Grand Lodges and Encampments entitled to two votes, shall have the right to cast the same, should there be but one of the representatives present; *provided* such absence be not temporary, or without the consent of this Grand Lodge, and provided that such Lodge or Encampment have elected her full representation, and the certificates of the delegates be reported to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Va., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the By-Law proposed by him, page 1078 of the Journal.

The same being under consideration, it was rejected.

Rep. Theobald asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Stokes, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read, accepted, and the resolution accompanying the same adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, having referred to them that part of the Grand Secretary's report in reference to stereotyping the Work of the Order, report, that the prospects of the continued increase of the Order fully warrant this Grand Lodge in the out-lay, and offer the following :

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed, when it becomes necessary to have another edition of the Charges and Lecture Books printed, to have the same stereotyped.

The Chair named Rep. Stokes, of Pa., Moore, of D. of C., and Lilly, of N. J., as the Committee provided for in the resolution authorizing the printing and stereotyping the Journal, and securing copy-rights.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to foreign affairs, ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, it having already been acted upon in this body.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Special Committee on the subject of the organization of State Grand Lodges, as reported by Rep. Moore, of D. of C.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Roche, of Maryland, moved to adopt the substitute offered by Rep. Bain, of Va., for the report of the Committee.

On motion of Rep. M'Cauley, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, during the reading of which, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the further reading was dispensed with, and the report ordered to lie on the table :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G's John W.

Dwinelle and W. H. Jewett, of New York, from the decision of the Grand Master of New York, and who were entrusted also with the duties embraced in the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That so much of the proceedings of the R. W. G. L., of New York, as relates to any alterations of the Constitution of that body, during and since the Session of May, 1846, of the same, and which shall have been officially presented to this R. W. G. L., be referred to the Committee on Appeals, with power to send for persons and papers: *Provided*, No expense to this G. L. be incurred thereby"—beg to report:

They have given the subject the careful and anxious examination which its importance to the Order in New York, and to the general interests of Odd-Fellowship demands. It is cause of deep regret that the short space of time covered by our Session, does not permit them to report as extensively as under other circumstances they would desire. This difficulty will allow them to attempt little more than to give a brief statement of the facts connected with the matters under reference, and to announce the conclusions to which they have come. The committee have sought the aid of argument from as many of the parties interested in their decision as could be conveniently consulted, and after a patient and impartial hearing, and subsequent consultation, have adopted the conclusions which they now propose to report—

In making an abstract of the facts, which shall be as brief as is compatible with their proper presentation to the G. L., the committee must frequently content themselves with a reference to the page and number of the documents referred to, as their number and length rendered it a physical impossibility to embody them in this report.

They particularly refer to the appeal of Bros. Dwinelle and Jewett, which are to be found in the proceedings of February Session, 1847—p. 295 and 301, printed copies of which have been distributed.

The G. L. of New York, at the period of time to which the documents referred first allude, was working under a Constitution originally adopted in the year 1837, and which with sundry amendments not bearing upon the question, was of force in May, 1846. The mode of amendment for itself, provided by that instrument, required the proposition for that purpose to be made in writing by the Representatives of two Subordinate Lodges at a regular Session, to be referred to the next Annual Session, to be entered on record, reported to the Subordinates, and to be passed by two-thirds of the votes of the Representations present at the time of its determination.—Doc. 8, art. 6, sec. 1, p. 17.

At the May term, 1846, of the G. L., (Doc. 1 p. 272,) a proposition was made to amend the Constitution, by striking out altogether the amending article, and inserting in its stead a mode to the following effect: a Convention to be composed of P. G.'s, elected in a certain manner and proportions, by the Subordinate Lodges, was to assemble in the city of New York, on the second Monday in November, 1846, to revise the Constitution. Such amendments were to be proposed as two-thirds of the Delegates present at any meeting might agree to, and when its business should be concluded, its proceedings were to be certified to the G. S. of New York G. L., who was then to transmit printed copies to every Subordinate Lodge in the State. Each Subordinate Lodge was, after certain prescribed form, to take the same into consideration, and after voting upon the question, certify to the G. L. their approval or rejection. Whenever it should appear that a majority of the Subordinate Lodges in the State had approved of such Constitution, it should be adopted and go into effect on the first day of the next regular Session of the G. L. succeeding that in which the result should be announced in the G. L.

The Lodge will perceive that the above scheme contemplated only such an amendment or rather substitution of an entirely new Constitution as could be made upon one set of conditions and made no provision for its failure in case of inaction on the part of the Convention or non-ratification by the Subordinates. At the ensuing Annual Session, August, 1846, the proposed amendment was duly called up, (Doc. 2, p. 41.) and upon a point of order raised as to the power of the G. L. to delegate its authority to the Subordinates, and as to a violation of the charter of the G. L. of N. Y. by its adoption, Grand Master W. L. G. Smith, after the reading of the charter, decided the proposition in order, as the charter was not given to P. G.'s, but to petitioning Lodges having seven P. G.'s. A division of the question was taken upon the first point, (a motion to strike out the old article,) and the votes by representation of Lodges stood, yeas 129, nays 15. The motion to insert the proposed amendment was then declared to be adopted by a vote of 130 to 15.

In pursuance of these proceedings, the Convention assembled at the designated time, and after deliberation reported a Constitution, as found on page 90 of its printed Journals, Doc. 7, and it was then transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges for their action, as required by the action of the G. L. N. Y. at its Annual Session. Before the proceedings of the Subordinate Lodges had been all received by the G. L., that body, at its quarterly Session in November, took certain action, to which the Committee now beg to call your attention. On the 8th of December, P. G. Sutton, of No. 9, presented a preamble and set of resolutions, (Doc. 3, p. 229,) which, among other matters, declared null and void in all its parts and provisions, the amended Constitution reported by the Convention, and asserted that the enactment requiring it to be submitted to the State Subordinate Lodges for approval, was amended and withdrawn; they further declared the old Constitution in full force and virtue, except Sec. 1, Art. 6; and enacted that that section and article, as adopted at the Annual Session, be stricken out, and in its place be inserted a provision against change in the Constitution, unless the proposition be made in writing by the representatives of two Subordinate Lodges, at an Annual Session, referred to the next Annual Session, entered on the record, referred to the Subordinates, and at the time of its determination supported by the three-fourths of the votes of the Representations present.

At this stage a point of order was raised in the following form, viz: "The amendatory clause of the Constitution of the G. L. was stricken out, and a clause providing for the amendment of the said Constitution by a Convention was inserted in lieu thereof, &c.; said clause so inserted became thereby the amendatory clause, and no amendment, alteration, report, or suspension, of any part of said Constitution (said clause being a part thereof) can be entertained or acted on, excepting as provided for by said amendatory clause."

G. M. Joseph R. Taylor decided "that the preamble and resolutions were in order, so far as relates to the unfinished portion of the Convention article: that the G. L. having left the Constitution in such a manner that a majority could alter or amend it at any meeting." A vote was then taken by the Representations of Lodges on the Preamble and Resolutions of P. G. Sutton, and they were decided to be carried by a vote of 141 to 123.

During the next regular Session of the G. L. in February, 1847, (Doc. 4, page 284,) a motion was introduced to reconsider the preamble and resolution just mentioned above, which motion as your committee understand, was based upon the rules of order, (5th rule, 6th clause, p. 28 of printed copy old Constitution and rules of order marked Doc. 8,) which provides that, "after any question except one of indefinite postponement has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority may, at the same or next successive meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof."

After an animated debate on the resolution, P. G. Phillips, of No. 5, raised the following point of order, viz :

"That in consequence of the action of the Grand Lodge on the 8th of December, 1846, being an amendment to the Constitution, and the same having gone into effect, by notice being given to the Subordinate Lodges, can a motion for a reconsideration be entertained?"

Whereupon the Grand Master decided :

"That the R. W. Grand Lodge, having at their Annual Session in August last, by a constitutional vote, and in a constitutional manner, repealed Art. VI. of the Constitution, being the amendatory clause, and inserted the Convention Article, without any amendatory condition thereto, the Constitution could at any regular Session be altered or amended by a majority vote."

And on the 8th of December last, being a regular adjourned Session, a certain Preamble and Resolutions were submitted by P. G. Sutton, of No. 9, and adopted, amendatory to said Constitution.

Pending the vote on their adoption, a question was raised as to their admissibility :

"The Grand Master then decided the Preamble and Resolutions to be in order, so far as related to the unfilled part of the Convention Article, it became a part of the Constitution of this R. W. Body, and the same having gone into operation became the fundamental Law of the Order, and cannot be altered, except as provided by the Constitution. The Grand Master therefore decides the question of Order to be well taken; and the resolution to reconsider a portion of the proceedings had on the 8th December last not admissible."

Whereupon P. G. M. Smith, of No. 37, appealed from the decision of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master stated "that under the conditions, by which the Grand Master holds his office, he is bound to sustain the Constitution as he finds it, and he therefore declines to entertain an appeal that might violate that instrument.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

On the next day a resolution (Doc. 4, p. 289) was offered by D. D. G. M. King, calling upon the G. S. for information respecting the motion taken by Subordinate Lodges upon the Constitution adopted by the Convention.

The Grand Master declared the resolution out of order on the ground that the Grand Lodge had directed the Subordinates not to vote on the proposed Constitution, consequently the Grand Secretary could not be possessed of any official information on the subject.

Whereupon D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Master declined to entertain the appeal for the reasons stated in ruling out the resolution.

D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, offered the following :

Whereas, a certain Preamble and Resolutions adopted in this Grand Lodge on the 8th day of December last past, and recorded in the printed proceedings on pages 226, 230, and 231, were and are in direct contravention of Sec. 1, Art. VI. of the Constitution as amended at the Annual Session, in August, 1846; now, therefore,

Resolved, That said Preamble and Resolutions are, and always have been null and void, and of no force or effect whatever.

The Chair stated that for the reasons given on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips, of No. 5, this resolution could not be entertained.

Whereupon, D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Master stated that for the reasons given on the appeal taken by P. G.

M. Smith, of No. 37, on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips of No. 5, the appeal could not be entertained.

P. G. War. Barnard, of 128, offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to P. G. Edwin Clarke, the Secretary of the late Convention to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, as a compensation for his services as such Secretary.

The Grand Master stated that in consequence of the Grand Lodge having made an appropriation for the expenses of the Convention, the resolution cannot, therefore, be entertained.

D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, offered the following :

Resolved, That the certain Preamble and Resolutions adopted in this Grand Lodge, on the 8th day of December last past, and recorded in the printed proceedings on pages 229, 230 and 231, are hereby rescinded and annulled.

The Chair stated that for the reasons given on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips of No. 5, this resolution cannot be entertained.

Whereupon P. G. War. Barnard, of No. 128, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Master stated that for the reasons given on the appeal taken by P. G. M. Smith, of No. 37, on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips, of No. 5, the appeal cannot be entertained.

D. D. G. M. Dimon then presented a protest signed by himself and about 120 other representatives, which was ordered to be spread on the Journal.

On the afternoon of the same day, Rep. Dwinelle, of No. 226, presented a preamble and resolution which (with the exception of the last clause of the preamble and the resolutions) are the same as those now before the G. L. U. S. as the appeal of that representative and which is printed and before the Lodge. The last clause and resolutions which were omitted in the appeal which finally reached our body, were as follows :

And Whereas, It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the said resolutions of the eighth of December last, have no legal effect or force, and that the Grand Master in making his said decisions, committed great error both in law and in fact. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge does hereby appeal from the said decisions of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States are requested to declare the said resolutions of the eighth of December, *null* and *void*, and the said revised Constitution to be in full force from and after the first day of May next.

Upon the presentation of the paper, the Grand Master refused to entertain the said preamble and resolutions, for the reason "that some portions of said preamble implied that the Grand Lodge did not legally pass the said resolutions of the eighth of December last, not being appealed from at that time, became the decision of the Grand Lodge, and therefore the Grand Lodge could not appeal from its own decision; and also, that so far as decisions of the Grand Master at this present Session are concerned, they involve constitutional questions, which are to be decided by the Grand Master, and from such decisions the Grand Lodge, as a body, cannot appeal from the decisions of the Grand Master, but that individual members of the Grand Lodge or Lodges only can appeal."

Whereupon, D. D. G. M. Dwinelle, of No. 226, appealed from the decision of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master refused to entertain the appeal on the ground that the said decision involved constitutional questions.

Representative Dwinelle then obtained leave to present the appeal, which is before your body, and printed as a part of the proceedings of the G. L. of N. Y.

From this condensed statement of facts, the full accounts of which are dispersed over many pages of the numerous documents referred to, the Lodge will perceive the complex nature of the reference, and the great number of difficult and delicate questions, which necessarily arise in its treatment. Many points were raised in the argument on each side before the committee, the full consideration and ample discussion of any of which would exhaust much more time than the period of the Session will allow to the entire subject. Of these, some embraced the consideration of those fundamental laws which lie at the foundation of all association, and of which even the most laborious writers upon ethical or political science, have hesitated to pronounce a decided opinion. The committee, therefore, are compelled to give prominence only to those branches which in their view lead to the practical result which they recommend to their Lodge to adopt.

The committee beg leave to take up the matters with which they are charged in the order of their reference.

Under this division they will first express an opinion upon the appeal from the decisions of the G. M. of N. Y., and next review the general action of the G. L. of N. Y. upon the attempted change of Constitution.

The two questions run, however, so much into each other, that the committee must beg to be excused if whilst deciding one they necessarily refer much to the other. The committee do not deem it requisite to take up in succession all the rulings of the Grand Master from which an appeal has been taken, as they all depend upon the same principle, the decision upon which necessarily decides all. The reason assigned for them all is to be found in the words of the G. M. (Doc. 4, p. 285,) who there states, "that under the condition by which the G. M. holds his office, he is bound to sustain the Constitution as he finds it, and he therefore declines to entertain an appeal that might violate that instrument." In this sentence is developed the moving cause of all his proceedings now under appeal. The Committee are therefore bound in the discharge of their duty to sift the argument and pronounce their assent or dissent to it. This of course involves an expression of their opinion as to the right and duties of G. M's. They do not propose to go at length into the subject, for it would be fitter for an essay than a report; nor, even if so inclined, would their present leisure permit it. But a due respect to the officer himself whose conduct is the subject of inquiry, in the absence of all other motives, would be sufficient to require some reasons to be assigned for their decision.

Your Committee regret that they cannot sustain the position of the G. M. Whatever may be the case in other organizations, in our order at least the G. M. does not form an *independent* part of the governing power. During the recess he is necessarily to some extent the substitute or representative of the whole Grand Lodge; but during the Session he is only one of its constituent elements and the presider over its deliberations. Even his acts during the recess may in most instances be brought up for examination. The G. L. alone can claim to be "the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction;" to it he is indebted for his position, and to it he is accountable, and from and through it, to this body. In the Constitution under which in this instance, he claims to act, his duties are thus defined: "he shall preside at all meetings of the G. L.; he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine: *"all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the G. L."* (Constitution, art. 3: sec. 2, clause I, doc. 8, p. 6.)

Whilst acting as presiding officer, the body over which he presides, and not

himself, must for the time be the final judge. If he have the right to decline to entertain an appeal which in his judgment "*might violate the Constitution*," he may refuse any question which has a constitutional bearing. What becomes then of all those nice questions on constitutional laws which so often occur? Can they ever reach his Lodge? May he not prevent their being discussed in his jurisdiction? Nay, more; may he not prevent their even coming to this body, as the final arbiter of all doubts? For to carry out the principle (and the Committee understand the right to do so has been claimed) he may interpose himself and block up the way to any appellate jurisdiction.

Who can set bounds to the despotism which may be established if such a principle as the Committee contend against be once admitted? Is it not obvious what a perpetual tendency there must be to revolutionary and disorganizing measures wherever it may be established? In view of these reasons, your Committee feel compelled to report that in their opinion the G. M. has acted erroneously in refusing an appeal from his opinion to the G. L. They hold that he should have allowed the appeal, and if unconstitutional action had resulted, this body, the G. L. U. S., would have applied the corrective. They have struggled with the natural reluctance, which all should feel, to set aside the proceedings of an officer high in office and character, and who they are sure acted with pure motives and through great devotion to the Order; but the convictions of their severest judgments were too clear to permit their arriving at any other conclusion than the one they here submit.

The Committee now proceed to the second subject of reference. And here they beg to present to the Lodge the following protest, which was handed to them when they commenced their examination of this part of the subject. It is as follows:

The undersigned, a representative to the Grand Lodge, U. S. I. O. O. F., from the G. L. of State of New York, respectfully represents to the Committee of Appeals, that the resolution introduced in the Grand Lodge U. S. by Representative Dimon, from the Grand Encampment, should not be entertained by them for the reasons—

1st. That the powers possessed by, and delegated to them, inherently, do not permit the examination of questions embracing organic law and general proceedings of Grand Lodges, when such matters are not made specific subject of appeal.

2d. That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York have not appealed to the G. Lodge U. S. either by their representatives to G. L. U. S. or otherwise.

3d. That if the matter can be entertained, the magnitude of the subject requires that the G. L. of State of N. York should be notified previous to action being had, to enable them to meet it frankly and fully

JAMES A. COFFIN.

Notwithstanding the protest, the Committee decided to proceed with the matters referred to them, leaving the Lodge to decide whether, under all the circumstances of the case, the questions would be entertained.

The Committee had at first intended to notice the different views taken in the argument before them, so as to give the fullest information to the Lodge, but the length to which this report has already unavoidably extended, and the shortness of the time remaining in which they must conclude their labors, prevent this course. They must therefore present little more than their conclusions, at the same time suggesting the difficulties which compel them to propose to your body the action they recommend. The Committee believe the G. L. of New York had the power to organize the Convention for the purpose of devising and reporting a Constitution. They regard the Convention as nothing more than a committee or rather a commission to compile a document which was afterwards to be made binding and efficacious by other powers. They believe the G. L. might have referred to any man or set of men to draft the in-

strument. They might have called upon any brothers of the Order in or out of this jurisdiction and requested their advice, their assistance, or labors in drawing up a code of law which was afterwards to be adopted. And so far the G. L. has done no more than this, leaving the choice of its agents to the Subordinate Lodges. The Convention possessed no power to *pass law*; it could only *suggest* a Constitution: the G. L. did not pretend to make its proceedings binding upon any one. But when the G. L. went further and attempted to confer upon a body other than itself the power of confirming the proceedings of the Convention and making them obligatory, they exceeded their authority and could confer no such power. Your Committee hold the G. L. to be the legislative head within its jurisdiction, and when once created it holds its powers, subject only to this supreme body. It cannot delegate its legislative functions: if its charter is to be surrendered, or its powers abandoned, it must be to this body and to this body only. Any other course is disorganization. Without going further into the subject, the Committee have no hesitation in reporting that upon this point they believe the action of the G. L. of New York inoperative.

It now becomes us to examine the position in which the Order in New York is placed by this illegal action.

The G. L. U. S. will bear in mind that when the G. L. of N. Y. struck out the amending clause of their Constitution, they made no provision for its future amendment in case the Convention plan should fail. That plan in the opinion of the Committee having failed, the Constitution existed without any provision for amendment. Two opinions exist as to the mode of amending an organic law, which is deficient in such particular. On the one hand it is contended that it requires the unanimous consent of all the parties to the compact to effect any alteration; on the other, it is asserted that a majority is competent for that purpose. The G. L. of New York appears to have adopted the latter view and based upon it its action of December 8th, by which it inserted another amendment clause.

Your Committee do not propose to give an opinion on this doubted point, but will rather suggest such mode of action as will in another way meet the evils arising from the above irregularities. It is admitted on all sides that the Order in N. Y. at present labors under formidable difficulties. Grave doubts are conscientiously entertained by large numbers of intelligent brothers of the Order. The Constitution under which they should work is asserted to be no longer adapted to their wants or even their existence: they have outgrown its provisions: the incalculable increase of the Order has so enlarged the G. L. as to render it all but a physical impossibility to transact business at all. And in this state of things, it is exceedingly difficult to say how the Constitution is to be changed, or even whether it can be changed at all.

In view of all these circumstances your Committee deem it the duty of the G. L. U. S., by virtue of its supreme authority, to take such action, legislative or judicial, as may relieve the order in N. Y. from the consequences of the proceedings of the G. L., and at least give them the opportunity of effecting a change in a manner which shall be safe, certain and constitutional. They propose, therefore, that this Grand body shall recognize the action of the G. L. of N. Y., up to the time that the irregularities began, and then adopt the following measures to cover those irregularities. They recommend to this body to admit the proceedings of the Convention to be valid as a consulting body, and as there would have been no objection in the first instance, if their proceedings had been referred to the G. L. of N. Y. for its final action, they recommend that the course be taken now. Let the reported Constitution, (except so much as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge,) be referred to the G. L. of N. Y. at its November Session for consideration, and let the amending clause of the old Constitution be restored, as it stood

before it was stricken out; further, let the old Constitution be declared the organic law of the State until the November Session. If at that time the proposed Constitution be adopted, of course it will become the law of the Order, but if rejected, the old Constitution will continue in force, giving them, however, an opportunity for its further amendment, according to its provisions.

The Committee have discharged the duties assigned them. They felt the importance of the subject committed to their care, and have given it therefore their earnest and, as far as circumstances would permit, their undivided attention. They now commit it to your hands, with their sincere hopes that whatever action may be taken by your body, may secure the harmony, prosperity, and repose of the Order.

The Committee have annexed the testimony offered by G. S. Treadwell, of N. Y., which was given to show the absolute necessity of a change of Constitution.

The Committee submit the following resolutions :

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, is now the fundamental law of the said Grand Lodge; and that Art. 6, sec. 1 of the said Constitution, which was stricken out, be and hereby is restored and declared in full force and effect, except so far as is reserved in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of Constitution reported by the Convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York; and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its Session in November next, to take up the said form of Constitution, and act upon the same with full power to adopt or reject, as if regularly and formally before that body for final action in pursuance of Art. 6, sec. 1 of its Constitution.

Oral testimony of Brother Treadwell, G. S. of G. L. of New York.

At the last annual meeting of the G. L. of the State of New York, the highest number of votes polled on any question, was between 1,100 and 1,130. This was on the election of officers.

It takes in a full Grand Lodge, about an hour to call the yeas and nays.

The amendments proposed, and which would have come up at August term, 1846, if the general amendment had not passed, were printed separately, and formed a closely printed pamphlet of thirty-two pages. They must have been at least seventy-five in number, upon all of which the yeas and nays must have been taken separately.

In addition to the yeas and nays on the proposed amendments to the Constitution, the previous question was frequently called for, and voted for by yeas and nays; reconsiderations were also commonly voted for by yeas and nays, and also motions to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, and other motions of like nature.

Under old Constitution, the Grievance Committee consisted of one member from each Lodge. There are now three hundred and twenty-one Lodges working under jurisdiction of G. L. of N. Y.

Whole number of Lodges entitled to vote on the revised Constitution, two hundred and sixty.

Whole number returned as having voted in favor of its adoption, one hundred and fifty-nine.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
G. Secretary of G. Lodge of N. Y.

Baltimore, September 22, 1847.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of the report of the Special Committee relating to the organization of State Grand Lodges.

The question being on adopting the substitute offered by Rep. Bain, of Va., for the report of the committee—

Rep. Senter, of N. H., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the substitute for the report of the committee, Rep. Chapman, of Ind., called the previous question, which was not seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge.

The question again recurring on the resolution to adopt the substitute for the report of the committee, Rep. Affron moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Day, DeSaussure, Gill, Kerlin, Marshall, Moore, McCauley, Sessford, Spooner, Taylor, of Md., Williamson, Yohe, Yeager, Past Grand Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—18.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, Dwinelle, Ellison, Green, Holmes, Hough, Haines, (2 votes,) Jones, Kelly, Lilly, MacRae, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Senter, (2 votes,) Smith, Stokes, Simons, Theobald, Woodruff, Wells, Ware, P. G. Sire Wildey—40.

On motion, Rep. Wilson, of Wis., was excused from voting on the subject above decided.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Va., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, and the substitute offered by him therefor; when, on motion of

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., it was resolved, that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. S. Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Day of Ohio, offered the following as an amendment to the By-laws, which, under the rule, was laid on the table:

Amendment to the 25th By-Law.

Regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet; the trimmings to be of yellow me-

tal; the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives, and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wear the regalia above described.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamented edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall wear medals of the size and style above, with the "coat of arms" of the State represented.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, ask leave to report, on the first and second questions, proposed by Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, (p. 1034,) and the question proposed by Rep. Ellison, of Mass., (p. 1036,) conjointly.

The charges of the Officers of Encampments do not throw much light upon the subject matter of the questions. The committee are aware of no reason why the J. W. should not preside in the absence of the C. P. and S. W. if the local laws do not prohibit it.

The Committee also say, that in the absence of the H. P., *if no P. H. P. be present*, there is nothing in the charge books or laws to prevent any R. P. member from performing all the duties of that officer.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. P. M. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on adopting the report, a division of the subject was asked for, and the question being on the first branch of the report relating to the Junior Warden, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being taken on the second branch of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report on the questions proposed by Rep. McKinnell, of La., (p. 1089.)

In answer to the first inquiry, the committee say that a Lodge working in a foreign language may also, of course, keep a record of its proceedings in the language in which it works; but it is bound to keep a record in the English language, otherwise the Grand Officers having authority, would not always be able to inspect such record.

To the second inquiry, the committee answer :

The junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge, but it is his duty to occupy the seat of Past Grand for one term, and deliver the Past Grand's charge at initiation. It is therefore improper that he should be elected to any office.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was resolved in the affirmative :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry of Rep. Ware, of R. I., report :

The resolution on p. 912, vol. 2, was intended to obviate the necessity of the visiter's working his way in, and it is so expounded in the Digest, Sec. 3, Art. 8, Division 2d.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, ask leave to report on the third and fourth questions proposed by Rep. Wilson of Wisconsin, (p. 1034,) and the question proposed by Rep. McKinnell, of La., (p. 1062,) conjointly.

The G. L. U. S. permits Grand Encampments to be organized, either of P. C. P's and P. H. P's. or of P. C. P's alone. Each Grand Encampment is at liberty to frame its Constitution, in this particular, to suit itself. See Digest §2 Article 1. Division Fourth.

As to the grade of P. H. P's, therefore, the committee say, that it depends entirely on the local laws. If by these laws they are admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment, the committee think that it would be best to make them eligible to any office, including that of Grand Patriarch. It is advisable that all members should be placed on the same footing. But the committee repeat that all these matters are submitted to the local legislatures of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Touching the right of P. H. P's to petition for a charter for a Grand Encampment. the committee say :

Under Article 5 of the By-Laws the mode of petitioning for a charter for a Grand Encampment is prescribed, and although the expression "each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or *Patriarchs*, as Representatives, &c," yet the committee are persuaded that the obvious meaning is Past Chief Patriarchs. The committee therefore believe that P. H. P's are not competent petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, find on their docket, not yet reported on, the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodges of N. Carolina, Maine and Pennsylvania, on the six months term. These documents were laid before the committee after the preparation of their report on that subject, and were therefore not covered thereby. The subject having been acted on, the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins, the Appendix accompanying the report of the Committee on the Digest, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the Digest with the accompanying funeral ceremony, which being under consideration,

Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, offered as a substitute for the ceremony reported by the committee, the funeral service now in use under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was read.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, that the whole subject be referred to a select committee, it was not agreed to.

The question being on the substitute, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee,

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved to add a note at the end of the funeral ceremony, reported by the committee, as follows: "The Lodge or Encampment may use such funeral hymn as they may respectively prefer."

Rep. Cole, of Mass., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative,—the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report, and the form of funeral ceremony reported by the Committee on the Digest?"

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, MacRea, Morris, McCauley, Parker, Sessford, (2 votes,) Senter, Stokes, Simons, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, (2 votes,) Ware, Yohe, Yeager—P. G. Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock.—42.

NAYS.—Reps. Day, Kerlin, Marshall, (2 votes,) McKinnell, (2 votes,) Neally, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, Roche, Spooner.—13.

On motion, Rep. Bain, of Va., was excused from voting on the above subject.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the Laws passed at the last Session of this body defining a funeral regalia, be and the same is hereby repealed. (vol. 2, page 961) Digest, Article 2, Divisions 15, 16.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the form of petition for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, in Article 5th of the By-Laws, G. L. U. S. be so amended as to read, after the words "or P. Chief Patriarchs," or *Past High Priests*.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of prayer adopted, with funeral address, be left optional for Lodges and Encampments, whether they use it or none.

Rep. McCauley, of Md., offered the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was not agreed to:

At the request of the family of the deceased, the prayer may be dispensed with.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., moved to add the words, "and Funeral Address," after the word "forms," in the resolution of Rep. Senter, which was agreed to.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodges, was put in form following, "Shall

the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative, the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report, That by Art. 16, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, upon the petition of five scarlet and two R. P. Degree members, a charter for an Encampment shall be granted. Believing this to be in opposition to Art. 2 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and that members of the R. P. Degree are alone qualified to petition for an Encampment Charter your committee would recommend it to be so amended as to require the petitioners to be of that degree.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
S. YORKE ATLEE,
W H BROWN.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the affirmative.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Journal of the Session of yesterday being in progress of reading, on motion the further reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Reports and Returns beg leave to report, that they find the reports from the Grand Encampments of the States of Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts, correct.

Reports from the Grand Encampments of the States of Ohio, New Hampshire, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and South Carolina, contain no statement of the amount paid for relief, and are therefore incorrect.

The report from the State of Missouri is incorrect, in returning from September 30th, 1845, to June 30th, 1847, instead of returning for the proper fiscal year, commencing July 1st, and ending on the 30th June of each year, inclusive.

Kentucky.—Reports from May 1st, 1846, to May 1st, 1847, and has no relief report.

South Carolina.—From September 31st, 1847, to June 30th, 1847.—Has no seal of the Camp, or amount paid for relief.

New York.—No statement of amount of relief, nor is it signed by the G. Scribe: and for these reasons is incorrect.

Subordinate Encampments Correct.

Ridgely, No. 1, and Olive Branch, No. 4, of Tennessee. Winooski, No. 1, of Vermont. Lead Mines, No. 5, of Illinois. Wildey, No. 1, Louisiana. Metropolitan, No. 5, Indiana. Wildey, No. 1, Mississippi. Narragansett, No. 1, and Palestine, No. 3, Rhode Island.

Subordinate Encampments Incorrect.

North Carolina.—Campbell, No. 1—time reported for not stated, nor is there any seal attached. Pine, No. 3—Informal, and has no seal.

Calumet, No. 4, is from 14th May, 1847, to March 30th, 1847—has no seal or signature of C. P.

Rhode Island.—Narragansett, from July 1st, 1846, to December 1st, 1847.

Moshassuck, No. 2, from July 1st, 1845, to January 1st, 1847—has no statement of relief.

Delaware.—Delaware, No. 1—Two semi-annual reports, embracing the time from June 1st, 1846, to May 31st, 1847—amount of relief not stated.

Alabama.—Mount Ararat, No. 1—no relief.

St. Paul's, No. 2—no relief report.

Black Warrior, No. 3—amount paid for relief not reported.

Louisiana.—Hobah, No. 3—2 semi-annual reports—no relief.

Indiana.—Wilkey, No. 2—From September 5, 1846, to 5th September, 1847—no relief report.

Wabash, No. 6—From July 24th, 1846, to September 5th, 1847—no relief report, and no seal attached.

Mishawaka, No. 7—no seal.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg, No. 2—no signature of the C. P. or relief report.

Chocktaw, No. 3—no report of amount paid for relief.

Woodville, No. 4—two reports from 8th September, 1846, to July 5th, 1847—no seal attached, and amount paid for relief not reported.

Illinois.—Allen, No. 4—two semi-annual reports, from 19th May, 1846, to June 30th, 1847—the last signed by the H. P. instead of C. P.

Illinois, No. 1—no relief reported.

Wilson, No. 6—no signature of C. P.

Georgia.—Augusta, No. 4—no relief reported.

Vermont.—Winooski, No. 1—report commences in August (generally) 1846, and ends December, 1846, and makes no report for relief.

Michigan.—Michigan, No. 1—no relief report.

Marshall, No. 3—no relief.

Paw-wah-ting, No. 3—no relief report.

Lenawee, No. 4—no relief.

Wilkey, No. 5—not signed by the C. P.

Samaritan, No. 6—no relief.

It is within the knowledge of one of your committee that there is an Encampment located at Ann Arbor, Mich., known as Ann Arbor Encampment, No. 7, which has made no report.

Reports from several Subordinate Encampments in the District of Columbia, of fractions of the regular term, were placed in the hands of your committee, which appear to have been made with a view of adjusting the amount of per centage due to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and are therefore not more fully reported upon.

Gayosa Encampment has sent in a report, by which it does not appear in what State, Territory, or District the same is located. The number of the Camp is not stated, nor does the report state any amount paid for relief.

Grand Lodges.

Reports from the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, New Jersey and Mississippi are correct: also, New York and Pennsylvania.

Returns from the following Grand Lodges are incorrect, for the reasons herein mentioned, to wit :

Texas.—Reports from 1st April, 1846, to 31st March, 1845.

Illinois.—Correct, excepting it reports from 24th August, 1846, and the statement of amount paid for relief commences August, 1846, and ends June, 1847.

Connecticut.—Report is for the time intervening June 1st, 1846, and June, 1847; relief report from July 1st, 1846, to July 1st, 1847.

Tennessee.—Reports from July 18th, 1846, to July 1st, 1847, and contains no statement of the number of its members.

South Carolina.—From June 3d, 1846, to 1st July, 1847.

North Carolina.—Has no statement of the number of its members or the number of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Rhode Island.—Does not report amount paid for relief.

New Hampshire.—Seal of the Lodge is not affixed, nor is the same signed by any of the Grand Officers.

Michigan.—Reports from July 1st, 1846, to July 1st, 1847, inclusive.

District of Columbia.—Discrepancy between the number of Subordinate Lodges reported and those named

Delaware.—Reports from 1st April, 1846, to 31st March, 1847.

Ohio.—From January 16, 1846, to June 30, 1847.

Louisiana.—Reports from 31st June, 1846, to July 1st, 1847.

Kentucky.—From 8th March, 1846, to 8th March, 1847.

Virginia.—Reports from April 1st, instead of July 1st.

Indiana.—Report does not give the name of the Lodge, and is in several other respects quite imperfect.

Reports of Subordinate Lodges, Iowa.—Keosauqua, No. 3, six quarterly reports, embracing the time from January 3d, 1846, to June 26, 1846. The first of which has no seal, and is not signed by the N. G. The 2d has no seal. Pensacola, No. 3, quarterly report, from June 4th, 1847, to July 2d, 1847. Washington Lodge, No. 1, four quarterly, instead of semi-annual reports. Muscatine, No. 5, quarterly report, from July 6th, 1846, to October 5, 1846—also a semi-annual report from this Lodge, commencing January 4th, 1847, ending June 28th, 1847, without seal.

Kosciusko, No. 6, without seal, and to which is appended the following note, which the committee submit for such action as this R. W. G. Lodge may deem expedient, to wit :

“ Brother J. M. Westfall, being a minister of the Gospel, was initiated free of charge, and brother Wm. Downard having been formerly a member in good standing in the English Order of Odd Fellows, was initiated for half-price, or \$4.”

Harmony Lodge, No. 2, term ending July 2d, 1847. Arkansas, Telulah Lodge, No. 2, 2 quarterly and 1 semi-annual report, embracing the time from June 2d, 1846, to 2d July, 1847. 1st quarterly has no seal, and neither of them gives the names or numbers of P. G's.

Florida, No. 1.—Does not appear for what term report is made.

Vermont.—Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1.—2 quarterly, embracing the term from July 1st, 1846, to December 31, 1846. No relief report.

Vermont Lodge, No. 2.—report from October 1st, to December 31st, 1846. Amount paid for relief not stated.

Windsor, No. 3—amount of relief not stated.

White River, No. 4—no relief reported.

Wantastiquet, No. 5—no relief.

Caledonia, No. 6, correct—Social, No. 7, correct—Vergennes, No. 8, correct, and Starke, No. 9—Otter Creek, No. 10, and Lake Dunmore, No. 11, also correct.

Wisconsin.—Reports from Burlington—Lilly, of the Mound, Wisconsin, Halcyon, Justitia, Milwaukie, Kneeland, Olive Branch, and Rose of the Valley Lodges, are incorrect in not stating amount paid for relief. Lilly of the Mound is not signed by the proper officers of the Lodge, and is without seal. Enewenegras is not signed by the N. G., and Rose of the Valley has not the seal of the Lodge attached.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. MORRIS,
N. B. RAMSDELL.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report, page 1084 printed Journal, being report of the Committee on Constitutions—the report being read,

On motion of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, to amend as follows: "That the Grand Lodge disagrees to so much of the report of the committee as relates to Article 2, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana "

Rep. Neally, of Maine, moved to amend the amendments as follows, which the Chair ruled out of order:

Strike out in the 3d paragraph of the report the words "*to vote for Grand Officers*" in the twelfth line of the paragraph, and the words "*and of voting for Grand Officers*" in the last line of said paragraph, and to make such other alterations in the report as are necessary to make it conform to the proposed amendments.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, it was not agreed to.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, moved to amend the report as follows, which was agreed to:

To amend the report of Committee on Constitution, page 1086 of Journal, line 26, which relates to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by adding that all of Sec. 3 of Art. 3, beginning on line 8th of page 9, of Constitution, at the words "*vote or votes*," and end with the word "*accordingly*," in line 15 same page, be stricken out, also that the words "*voting by its representatives or otherwise*," in line 4 of same Section, be stricken out.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, moved to amend as follows:

That the words "Art. 1 and Art. 3, Clause 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan," be stricken out on page 52.

Rep. Brewer, of Conn., offered the following amendment to the amendment, which was not agreed to:

That the several State Grand Lodges be required to frame their Constitutions in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge as defined in the Digest, Section 5, Article 1, Division third.

The question recurring on amendment proposed by Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

Strike out in the 3d paragraph of the Report, the words "*to vote for Grand Officers*," in the 12th line of the paragraph, and the words "*and of voting for Grand Officers*," in the last line of said paragraph, and to make such other alterations in the Report as are necessary to make it conform to the proposed amendments.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Brewer, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, Dwinelle, Ellison, Green, Holmes, (2 votes,) Haines, Kelly, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Senter, Wells—18.

NAYS—Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, Coffin, Day, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Lilly, Moore, Morris, McCauley, (2 votes,) McKinnell, (2 votes,) Sessford, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson.

Wilson, Woodruff, Ware, (2 votes,) Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—42.

Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and certain amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, beg leave to Report:

That they find the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of New Jersey, to be correct, and recommend that they be approved.

They further report, that by Art. 1, Sec. 1, and Art. 2, Sec. 1, Clause 1, Sec. 2, Clause 1, and Art. 3, Sec. 3, Clause 1, Sec. 4, Clause 3, of the Constitution of Alabama, contain the same features excluding Past Grands from their privileges, which have been objected to by the committee in their first report. They therefore recommend that the same be amended to conform thereto.

They further report, that by Art. 5, Sec. 2, Clause 1, of the same Constitution, members of the Grand Lodge shall upon their admission pay an entrance fee; believing this to be in opposition to Art. 28, page 70, of the Digest, they would recommend that clause be stricken out.

They would further recommend the alteration of Sec. 8, Art. 2, of the By-Laws of the same State be made to conform to the funeral regalia adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They further recommend that Art. 3 of the By-Laws of the same State be altered to conform to the regalia and jewels adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They would further recommend the alteration of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in the same State, so as to conform to the semi-annual terms.

The Constitution being otherwise correct, they would recommend it be approved.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
WM. H. BROWN,
S. YORKE ATLEE.

Rep. Williamson, of Tenn., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report and recommendation, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Dibble and others, from the doings of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, ask leave to submit the following report:

The material facts set forth in the appeal are as follows:—The election of officers of the Grand Encampment takes place, by its Constitution and By-Laws, on the 31st day of December. At the meeting for that day, 1846, no quorum was present, and the members adjourned to the next day. At the hour appointed, the members assembled in the lobby of the hall, the hall itself being occupied by a Subordinate Lodge then in session. The G. Patriarch refused to open the Grand Encampment, ordering at the same time a meeting for the next evening, when the Encampment was opened and the Grand Officers elected.

Against this action the appeal is taken, on the ground that the election is illegal, because it did not take place on the day prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

It appears to your committee that no quorum being present on the day appointed for the election, it was competent for the minority to adjourn to the next day—and when on the next day, there appeared a physical obstacle to their entrance to the hall, the G. Patriarch was justified in adjourning until the next day, as a matter of necessity. The election, on the day prescribed by law, being thus deferred by unavoidable circumstances, there exists no good reason for declaring that election null and void. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Ramsdell, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report having reference to the diploma plate and to the certificate published by the Messrs. Winchesters, ask leave to report :

That whilst recommending to the Order the use of the blank form of diplomas (as suggested by the Grand Secretary) for charters, they deem it inexpedient to enforce it upon the Order.

That the diploma as published by this R. W. Grand Lodge is the only diploma recognized by the Order, and that the publication of the certificate by the Messrs. Winchesters is an infraction of the rights of this Grand Lodge.

The diploma of the Grand Lodge was published in the year 1840, five years previous to the certificate named, which it is evident is intended to enter into competition with, or to take the place of, the diploma.

Your committee would here beg leave, therefore, to reiterate the resolution adopted by your body at its last Session : “ That by the existing laws the right to print or publish any portion of the Work of the Order, or any form of diplomas, belongs exclusively to this Grand Lodge.”

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. RAMSDELL,
ANDREW YOHE,
HENRY McKINNELL.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., to reconsider the resolution adopting the above report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question again being on adopting the report of the Special Committee in reference to Diplomas,

Rep. Jones, of Ill., offered the following substitute for the report of the committee :

Resolved. That the beautiful certificate of membership as published by Bro. Winchester, is no infringement of any law of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodges, was put as follows : “ Shall the main question be now put ? ” which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, “ Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee ? ” which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Bain, Brown, of Miss., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Dimon, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Ellison, (2 votes,) Griffin, Gill, Holmes,

(2 votes,) Hough, Haines, Kerlin, MacRae, Moore, McCauley, (2 votes,) McKinnell, (2 votes,) Neally, Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Sessford, Senter, (2 votes,) Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Taylor, of Md., Torre, Woodruff, (2 votes,) Wells, Ware, (2 votes,) Yohe, (2 votes,) P. G. Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—49.

NAYS.—Reps. AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Clark, of N. J., Dwinelle, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Macdonough, Williamson, Wilson—12.

The Grand Lodge on motion proceeded to the consideration of the report of Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of John W. Dwinelle, and Theodore Dimon, of New York, which having been under consideration for some time,

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on accepting the report of the committee, it was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., to adopt the report of the committee, Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put as follows, "Shall the main question now be put?" which was resolved in the affirmative—the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Appeals?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., to adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the committee,

P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "effect" in the first resolution.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Grand Lodge, was put in the following form, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson of Ga., AtLee, Bain, Brewer, Brown of Miss., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, Coffin, Cole, Day, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure (2 votes,) Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, (2 votes,) Lilly, MacRae, Moore, (2 votes,) McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Roche, Senter, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Ware, (2 votes,) P. G. Sires Wildey, Kennedy, Sherlock—45.

NAYS.—Reps. Morris, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Wells, (2 votes,) Yohe, (2 votes,)—P. G. Sires Hopkins.—10.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, on motion, was excused from voting on the preceding question.

The question recurring upon the second resolution accompanying the report, Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved to amend the resolution as follows, which was unanimously agreed to:

Provided, however, that the Constitution as adopted be forwarded to this G. L. for approval, pursuant to the requirements of Art. 10 of the By-Laws of the G. L. U. S.

Whereupon Rep. Kelly, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the form following: "Shall the main question now be put?" the main question was then put,

“Will the Grand Lodge adopt the second resolution reported by the committee as amended?” which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N.C., AtLee, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, (2 votes,) Cole, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, (2 votes,) Lilly, McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Roche, Senter, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Ware, (2 votes,)—37.

NAYS.—Reps. Coffin, Day, Moore, (2 votes,) Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Wells, (2 votes,) Yohe, (2 votes,) P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—17.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That this Constitution which has been designated by this G. L. for the action of the G. L. of N. Y., at November Session, be referred to the Committee on Constitutions, to report, if any and what parts should be stricken out before it be sent down to the G L. of N. Y.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finances have examined the following claims against the Grand Lodge, and find them correct :

E. B. White's bill for painting diagrams,	-	-	-	-	-	\$100 00
John Affron, postage paid by	-	-	-	-	-	4 00

which amount the committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer. \$104 00

They also most respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution :

H. MCKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds in State stocks.

Rep. Clark, of N. J., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Amend Article 1 of Constitution, page 15, bottom line, after the words “Odd-Fellowship,” add, that the unwritten work of the Order, shall in nowise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge—and the written Work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the specimen of Regalia laid before this R. W. Grand Lodge at its present Session, by Past Representative B. C. True, be approved by this R. W. Grand Lodge as a suitable Regalia of office, to be worn at their pleasure, by Grand Representatives, and Past Grand Representatives, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary prepare a description of the same, and publish it with the proceedings of this Session.

On motion the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the By-Law in relation to Regalia for the Grand Lodge of the United States, offered by Rep. Day, of Ohio, page 1112, printed Journal. The same being under consideration,

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered to strike out the first paragraph, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., moved to amend the proposed By-Law, by inserting the words "be entitled" after the word "shall" in the 4th paragraph, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the proposed By-Law, as amended, it was agreed to.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the question proposed by Rep. Jones, of Illinois.

In the opinion of the committee, the time, place, and manner of balloting on applications for degrees, are proper subjects for local legislation. If the local laws permit the Lodge to be open in the initiatory degree, and initiatory and all other members *to be present, when the ballot takes place*, the committee would not interfere with those laws, as they violate no fundamental principle. But under no circumstances would it be lawful to permit members *to vote* who have not received the degree applied for.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Law proposed by him, page 1115, printed Journal, relating to the qualification of applicants for Grand Encampment charters.

On motion to adopt the amendment proposed, it was agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, of Iowa, beg leave to report.

That upon an examination of the above named Constitution and By-Laws, they find that by Article 11th of the Constitution, a scarlet member is made eligible to the office of N. G., after serving thirty-nine meeting nights in some inferior station.

They recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to require a member to pass the V. G.'s chair to be made eligible to the office of N. G. Also, that the Sec. 6 of the By-Laws be so amended as to require the N. G. or V. G. to be one of the committee to examine visiting brethren.

Also, that the 8th Section of the By-Laws be so amended as to require some stated rate of dues.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
S. YORKE ATLEE,
W. H. BROWN.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution proposed to be submitted to the State Grand Lodge of New York, beg leave to report :

That upon an examination thereof it presented an apparently novel system, to wit : That of District Grand Committees; but this feature upon further enquiry, appears to your committee rather new from its antiquity. The existence of District Grand Committees having been recognized and acted upon in the earliest period of the existence of the Order in this country, cannot now be objected to by your Committee. But they report that there are certain features in the constitution of these committees which in their opinion are in opposition to the principles established by this Grand Lodge. By Sec. 4, Art 2, power is given to the committees in the Initiatory Degree for the purpose of hearing appeals. Your committee would recommend that so much of this section as relates thereto, be stricken out. By Sec. 5, Art. 2, power is given to the same committee to confer the Grand Lodge Degree. The action of this Body at its present Session has decided that the Grand Lodge Degree cannot be conferred in any other place than the Grand Lodge Room. Your committee must therefore recommend that it be stricken out. By Article 4, Section 8, in the absence of the G. Master or any P. G. Master, the senior member is required to install the Grand Officers; this question having been decided at the present Session, your committee would recommend that it be so amended as to correspond with the action which has heretofore been adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
S. YORKE ATLEE,
W. H. BROWN.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., objected to the reception of the report of the committee, upon the ground that it does not present a report upon a Constitution submitted by the Grand Lodge of New York for approval, but upon a constitution submitted by the Subordinate Lodges of that State.

The Grand Sire decided that this body having referred the Constitution to the Committee on Constitutions, it is in order for the committee to report upon it.

The question recurring upon the report of the Committee on Constitutions,

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows : "Shall the main question be now put ?" which was resolved in the affirmative ; the main question was then put, " Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Constitutions ?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to insert in the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee of Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of Bros. Dwinelle and Dimon, after the word "*reject*" the words "*or amend and adopt.*"

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Salamon from the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, ask leave to submit the following report :

The substance of the appeal is set forth in the following words:

1st. On the right, under Clause 1 of Article 6 of the present Constitution, to determine any constitutional question otherwise than by the votes of the Past Grands present.

2d. On the right to adopt such parts of the present Constitution by votes of Lodges, as were, under our former Constitution, required to be adopted *by two-thirds of the votes present*, and whether such parts of our present Constitution as were so adopted, have been legally and properly passed.

3d. On the right of Past Grands, as members of the Grand Lodge, to control the action of the Grand Lodge on constitutional questions; by their votes in that capacity to prevent any encroachment on their rights or constitutional privileges, by votes being taken by representations.

4th. On the correct and proper view to be taken of the construction of a Grand Lodge, whether it is an assemblage of Past Grands, or of Subordinate Lodges, represented through their delegates; and whether it is not the conservative branch of the Order, upon whom devolves the duty, through their position, of controlling the destinies of Odd-Fellowship.

To the several questions here involved, the committee report answers as follows:

1. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, provides that there shall be two modes of voting. First by Past Grands, and second by Representatives of Lodges. Being silent upon the subject of the particular questions on which the modes of voting may be employed, the only inference is, that the Lodge is competent at all times to decide in which manner the vote shall be taken. The By-Laws of that G. Lodge, which may be considered as the best interpreters of the Constitution, provide that the vote by representation of Lodges may be called on all questions except the election of Grand Officers. The committee therefore are of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Alabama, has the right by her Constitution to determine constitutional questions otherwise than by votes of P. G.'s present.

2. It is the opinion of the committee that the parts of the present Constitution referred to in paragraph two, have been legally adopted.

3. Past Grands, when members of a Grand Lodge, are subject to its Constitution and Laws, and have no right to control the action of the Grand Lodge by any other than legal and constitutional means.

4. The proper view to be taken of a Grand Lodge is so fully set forth in the "Digest" adopted by this Grand Lodge, and in the report of the Committee on Constitutions just adopted, as to render any answer to this paragraph unnecessary, except a mere reference to those documents.

2 Respectfully submitted,

P. DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Law, proposed by him, in relation to funeral regalia, page 1115, of the Journal.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary is required to sell the Digest to Grand Lodges and others at \$25 per 100 copies, and for a less number at 37 cents per copy.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Mich., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom it was referred to report upon the expediency of removing the restriction of the Grand Secretary in confining that officer to the selection of Grand Lodges as agents for the sale of Diplomas, and also upon the expediency of disposing of the Diploma Plates, respectfully report:

That they recommend the removal of said restriction; and that they deem it inexpedient to dispose of said plates at the present time, and ask leave to submit the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. RAMSDELL,
ANDREW YOHE,
HENRY MCKINNEL.

Resolved, That the second resolution on page 804, 2d vol. of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and the seventh resolution, and the words "as may by the said Grand Lodge or Encampment, be constituted sub-agents for granting such diplomas," in the 8th resolution, on page 574, volume 1, be and the same is hereby rescinded, provided the repeal of the aforesaid resolutions shall not revive the resolution on the subject of the sale of diplomas on page 400, of said first volume.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y. moved the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals, to-day made on the appeals from the G. Lodge of New York, and the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit this day's proceedings per mail to the several members of this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That on appeals to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the parties appellant shall be required to present a sufficient number of printed statements of their case to furnish one copy to each member of this G. Lodge.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolutions offered by Rep. Chapman, (page 1086,) now lying on the table, be postponed until the next regular Session of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. G. Sire, in pursuance of the constitutional provision adopted at this Session, authorizing the appointment of a special Representative to foreign jurisdictions, nominated G. Cor. Sec. James L. Ridgely, as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America, at the next annual communication of that body, which nomination was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the Corresponding Secretary was directed to record the vote on the nomination and confirmation of Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America, as unanimous.

After prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand
Lodge U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1847.

ENCAMPMENTS	Where held.	States.	No. Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing mem- bers.	Relief.
G. Enc. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	12	89	30		\$6,776 10	876	No reports
Pennsylvania, - - -	Philadelphia,	Pa.	62	1380	30	2	18,175 15	2882	\$2,050 11
New York, - - - -	New York,	N. Y.	55	885	41		17,305 57	2815	3,677 50
Ohio, - - - - -	Cincinnati,	Ohio	20	383	10	8	4,48 49	776	No report
New Jersey, - - -	Newark,	N. J.	16	227	8		3,471 16	588	\$512 42
Connecticut, - - -	New Haven,	Conn.	11	144	19		1,486 90	481	146 00
Virginia, - - - -	Alexandria,	Va.	14	134	2	3	2,603 2	557	No report
Massachusetts, - -	Boston,	Mass.	2	477	44	2	10,348 69	1706	\$248 79
Kentucky, - - - -	Louisville,	Ky.	11	125	6		1,487 78	257	No report
Maine, - - - - -	Portland,	Me.	10	86	1		1,856 93	553	\$575 00
New Hampshire, - -	Dover,	N. H.	6	43			702 41	260	No report
Missouri, - - - -	St. Louis,	Mo.	5	57	7	2	1,039 42	95	No report
District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	5	124	4		2,537 51	391	No report
Georgia, - - - -	Savannah,	Ga.	5				867 90		
Ridgely Enc't, No. 1	Nashville,	Tenn.	5	51			990 25	153	\$12 00
*Washington,	2 Columbia,								
Gayosa,	3 Memphis,								
Olive Branch,	4 Nashville,								
*Jackson,	5 Franklin,								
Campbell,	1 Wilmington,	N. C.	4	70			£95 40	110	No report
*Bain,	2 Murfreesboro'								
Pine,	3 Fayetteville,								
Calmut,	4 Newbern,								
Mt Ararat,	1 Mobile,	Ala.	4	19			433 25	45	No report
St. Paul's,	2 Montgomery,								
Black Warrior,	3 Tuscaloosa,								
*Pulaski,	4 Cahawba,								
Willey,	2 Madison,	Ind'a	6	64	4		930 90	78	No report
*Bethlehem,	3 Aurora,								
*Sherlock,	4 Laurel,								
†Metropolitan,	5 Indianapolis,								
Wabash,	6 Lafayette,								
Mishawaka,	7 Mishawaka	R. I.	3	37			1,240 19	291	\$594 83
Narragansett,	1 Providence,								
Moshassuck,	2 Providence,								
Palestine,	3 Newport,								
Delaware,	1 Wilmington,	Del'a	2	15			308 92	72	No report
*McDonald,	2 Smyrna,								
*Illinois,	3 Chicago,								
Allen,	4 Quincy,	Ill.	4	36			441 38	48	No report
Lead Mine,	5 Galena,								
Neilson,	6 Bellville,								
Willey,	1 New Orleans,	La.	3	70			997 37	134	No report
*Louisiana,	2 Bayou Sara								
Hobah,	3 New Orleans,								
Willey,	1 Natchez,	Miss.	4	41			805 00	78	\$125 00
†Vicksburg,	2 Vicksburg,								
Choctaw,	3 Jackson,								
Woodville,	4 Woodville,								
Michigan,	1 Detroit,	Mich.	6	47			739 65	151	No report
Marshall,	2 Marshall,								
Paw-Waw-Ting	3 Niles,								
Lenawee,	4 Adrian,	Vt.	1	9			90 00	25	No report
Willey,	5 Jackson,								
Samaratan,	6 Kalamazoo,								
Winooskie,	1 Montpelier,								
			300	4813	207	19	\$82,164 10	13,704	\$7,965 65

* No reports

† No report of members.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS FROM LODGES.

Maryland.

SUSPENSIONS.—Lodges No. 2, Wm. Weaver, 9, John Richards, 20, Wm. C. Pennington, 24, John Q. Lumsden, James Roman, 45, Wm. Lawrence, James Cutley, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 5, Wm. Blackston, John P. Merritt, R. A. McAllister, 7, Thomas Riley, 31, B. F. Poffinberger, 43, Wm. Davis, Jr., 6, Lewis Eckert, 15, Jas. B. Lewis, 16, Edward Lucas, 2, Thomas Alexander, 4, Edward Vaglesang, 35, John Reed, 4, Wm. Muller, Frederick Hubner, intoxication; 16, James Shaffer, deserting his wife; 46, John Burk, 34, S. A. Vrooman, improper conduct; 2, Luther C. Gadd, 3, John Forbes, 4, Christopher Jauch, 1, John H. Ing, Thomas Crane, 2, James L. Able, 16, Matthias Temple, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 7, Henry Cover, immoral conduct; 47, Wm. Kraft, Henry Angel, bad conduct; 49, J. Tennant, ill treating his wife.

EXPULSIONS.—Lodges No. 15, E. H. Marker, gross immoral conduct; 31, H. B. Mackey, intoxication; 15, Julius Sheppard, improper conduct; 48, Richard J. Turner, character; 45, Nathan J. Waters, causing death of slave by maltreatment; 4, Solomon Bear, writing P. W.; 5, Thomas R. Robinson, 18, Wm. S. L. Hussey, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 47, Wm. Raith, sick when initiated; 48, John Shunk, Polygamy.

Massachusetts.

SUSPENSIONS 468, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS 25, names and causes not given.

New York.

SUSPENSIONS for causes other than non-payment of dues.—Lodges No. 1, Samuel S. Smith; 5, R. T. Bond; 6, Patrick Kelly; 8, James T. Foster; 13, John W. Warth, Karl Kinkle; 14, Charles Jackquillard; 18, Walter Phillips; 21, Judson D. Case, George L. Palmateen; 26, Elish W. Barnard; 41, Noah S. Dean; 46, Thomas Mosher; 55, William W. French; 59, Charles Jarvins, William L. Parmlee; 63, Silas G. Weed; 71, Frank Bottomley; 82, Charles Heissenestel, H. Notting; 84, Charles Jones; 87, John Simonson, D. W. Clark; 96, Amos Porter, Michael Higgins, Richard Davis; 98, Alvin Luther, Samuel Waterman; 99, Cornelius C. Wesley, John Potter; 122, Nathan S. Miller; 125, Sydney Fuller; 127, George B. Wood; 138, Henry K. Murford; 139, J. W. Swan; 140, James A. Foucke; 143, James M. Soverhill, John H. Tillman; 149, James C. Wells; 173, John M. Wiswall; 181, James Borland; 185, Nelson Isham; 219, Joel T. Persons; 233, Gabriel Dubue; 257, James B. McGennis.

EXPULSIONS for conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows.—Lodges No. 8, William D. Gage; 10, John R. Wood; 11, Edward A. Johnson; 14, John English; 21, Elisha M. Ray; 35, S. Beeny; 43, Jean Giglet; 46, Joseph Cooley; 48, James T. Goodwin; 49, Walter VanDerzee, Edward Stone; 59, George W. Leach; 61, John M. Way; 73, William Earle; 79, Joseph Barto; 86, Lewis Misner; 87, Adam Knoel; 88, Ira K. Ball; 93, Wm. H. Lyon; 100, E. A. Kennedy; 101, Elijah Woolsey; 103, George B. Wilson; 106, Samuel P. Webb, Jr.; 108, Thomas

Sheridan; 109, U. H. Vanserent; 110, Henry Bowler; 115, Oscar F. A. Woodward, Giles Roberts; 122, Henry Lampman; 123, John Mc Connell; 130, Wm. M. Lathrop; 136, Alnon P. Supper; 138, Henry R. Murford; 141, Joshua Heustis; 146, John S. Jenkins; 149, John V. Mastern; 165, A. H. Townsend; 168, George W. Brazier, Rensseler Stafford; 170, William Felter; 184, R. N. Casler, Jr., M. G. Wilkinson; 188, Freeman Edsell; 189, James Scribe; 195, Elias F. Dean; 196, Edward D. Mandeville; 199, Quentus Joslin; 226, Henry J. Ensign.

Pennsylvania.

SUSPENSIONS for improper conduct.—Lodges No. 2, H. H. Russell; 5, Thomas B. Crousberry; 7, A. Wirth, F. Bartets, M. Wampller; 8, J. Wainwright; 54, P. Atkinson; 57, John McGill, Owen Thomas, George Betzel; 67, George Kleip; 74, Henry Lehr, F. Sharsberger, Wm. Patterson; 75, J. B. Cooper; 77, Reuben Bast, Adrian Lowan; 82, George Lair; 83, Benjamin Buyer; 87, Wm. Reilley, Josh. M. Carter; 94, Oliver G. Lunn; 95, C. Hildebrand; 97, Robert Burns, John Albright; 107, John Gaggin; 111, Joseph Hutt, Philip Popp; 119, George W. Jackson, Isaac W. Bunker; 124, Samuel Fisher; 126, Wm. B. Clark; 129, F. K. Curran; 135, J. M. Pugh, Wm. F. Simes; 138, George B. Kelly; 141, George H. Hughes; 151, David Post, Jr.; 152, Jas. McMullin; 154, Wm. Silby, D. W. Kockersperger, George F. Uher; 155, Hugh Mason; 156, Henry Chapman; 174, Wm. Hulls, Jacob Stock, Joseph Kleefus; 182, J. S. Wilson; 206, J. E. Wainwright, Wm. McMakin; 216, John Shuttleworth.

EXPULSIONS for improper conduct.—Lodges No. 2, John W. Jones; 15, Thomas B. Loverie; 18, O. E. Lockwood, A. Q. Vanderslice; 23, Samuel Scott; 24, Eli Burchard; 33, James Taylor; 43, John C. Selfridge, George M. Sailor; 51, John L. Davis; 58, James Vannan, Thomas F. Davis, F. B. Woodward, John James, David Thomas, Owen Babson; 60, B. R. Paxton, Paul Baldy; 64, Nathaniel Edwards, W. B. Phillips; 67, David McNealey, Samuel Cleckner; 71, John Scip; 74, Michael Eppley, B. Echelberger; 76, Thomas Glenn; 81, E. W. Burkhardt; 89, Isaac T. Dawson; 92, Thomas Forsythe; 93, P. Bendernagle; 95, N. Grewer, Michael Reuter, B. Irgang; 96, James H. Tenk; 110, R. Q. Whitman; 113, Wm. Dorathy; 115, Richard Kirby; 117, Samuel Dinsmore; 124, W. H. Legore; 138, George L. Dean; 141, S. W. Hollenbeck; 149, David Golden; 188, R. M. Stokes; 232, John B. Curber.

Louisiana.

SUSPENSION.—C. A. Hill, of De Soto Lodge, No. 7, drunkenness.

EXPULSIONS.—T. J. Calder, of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, forgery; P. G. Y. Wake, of Union Lodge, No. 6, oppressing a widow of a deceased brother; J. B. Dufrog, of De Soto Lodge, No. 7, improperly elected.

District of Columbia.

SUSPENSIONS.—Charles H. Metugger, of Washington Lodge, No. 6, drunkenness, and disclosing signs and grips, Wm. Hill, inebriation.

EXPULSION.—Charles L. Weller, of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, seduction.

Delaware.

SUSPENSIONS.—P. G. James C. Adams, P. G. Valentine Hodgson, of Delaware Lodge, No. 1, non-payment of debts; N. G. John Phillips, of Union Lodge, No. 3, drunkenness; P. V. G. Wm. Coply, intoxication, P. G. James Wise, violating his obligation, of Washington Lodge, No. 5; James B. Wolf, of Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, intemperance.

EXPULLED.—Wm. Alexander, of Mechanics Lodge, No. 4, bad conduct.

Indiana.

SUSPENSIONS.—None.

EXPULSIONS.—7, names and causes not given.

New Jersey.

SUSPENSIONS.—Lodge No. 2, Charles Harris, drunkenness; 15, John P. Scheimerhorn, intemperance; 17, Patrick C. Denny, intemperance; 21, Charles L. Kindle, drunkenness; 22, Josiah Le Flitcraft, disorderly conduct; 27, P. G. Reuben Woodruff, intemperance; 42, David VanNest, immorality.

EXPULSIONS.—Lodge No. 8, Volney A. Ellis, attempting to defraud the Lodge; 11, Moses Morris, improper conduct; 13, Joseph De Bell, embezzling funds of the Lodge when Secretary; 17, David C. Jones, 18, John H. Terhune, drunkenness; 28, David G. Griffin, admitted under age, Isaac S. Ward, drunkenness; 37, Alexander Lavery, immoral conduct, Wm. Demington, Larceny.

Virginia.

SUSPENSIONS.—52, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS.—14, names and causes of only three given. James Esaw Ward, of Virginia Lodge, No. 1, Erasmus D. Haynes, of old Dominion Lodge, No. 5, for fraud; Robert M. Kuhn, of Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, unbecoming conduct.

Ohio.

SUSPENSIONS.—Lodge No. 2, David J. Pollock, for 18 months, 7, W. Wistlake, unbecoming conduct; 18, Simon Hoover, intoxication; 19, George Watson, for 6 months, 24 R. J. Gardner, 26, L. C. Peabody, 31, Wm. H. Watson, 50, S. Littyer, intemperance; 58, Charles Irmer, abusing his wife and family.

EXPULSIONS.—Lodge No. 2, C. C. Manley, 9, Wm. N. Hubbard R. S. Cook, 11, S. Ross, 18, Wm. J. Knapp, unbecoming conduct; 10, Kelly Cox, James Enoch, intoxication; 18, Simon Hoover, and Simon Mayer, intemperance; 19, Thomas Campbell, Augustus McBride, unbecoming conduct, S. L. Carothers, fornication; 20, Solomon Sillerman, misusing his card and dishonesty, Isaac W. Nemberger, dishonesty; 21, John Beaver, intoxication; 22, D. O. Fanning, attempting to defraud the Lodge; 26, Wm. G. Cooper, bigamy, Orrin Moses, leaving his wife and family destitute, Franklin Flowers, criminal conduct; 32, William Medcraft, unbecoming conduct; 37, Chas. P. Cheesebrough, drunkenness and profanity; 39, John E. Bayse, unbecoming conduct; 42, James Irwin, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 52, James Ward, drunkenness and profanity; 55, Wm. Morley, Lemuel J. Wick, G. W. Seaton, unbe-

coming conduct, J. Jones defrauding a brother; 56. Thomas Hurst, 65, Albert W. Bruce, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 72, E. Harper, fraud.

Kentucky.

SUSPENSIONS.—24, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS—6, names and causes not given.

Mississippi.

SUSPENSION.—Absalom Bew, of Grenada Lodge, No. 6, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

EXPULSIONS.—H. B. Balch, of Macon Lodge, No. 8, for manslaughter; Young M. Statte, of Grenada Lodge, No. 6, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

Texas.

SUSPENSIONS—9, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS.—J. A. Leonard, Herman Lodge, No. 5, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

Missouri.

SUSPENSIONS.—John B. Allen, of Howard Lodge, No. 10, wanton intoxication, Lorenzo D. Brewer, unworthy conduct.

EXPULSIONS.—Alfred Cook, of Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, unworthy conduct; John T. Shultze, Germani Lodge, No. 3, intemperance; Henry W. Priess, defrauding Lodge of its funds; Wm. F. Brown, of St. Louis Lodge, No. 5, unworthy conduct, Michael Weiss, intemperance; Levi M. Sennett, of Harrison Lodge, No. 9, fraudulent conduct.

Tennessee.

SUSPENSIONS.—37, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS.—10, names and causes not given.

South Carolina.

EXPULSIONS.—Carster Rieke, of Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, for forgery, J. T. Syme, for defalcation; Henry Edwards, of Palmeto Lodge, No. 5, for conduct unworthy of an Odd-Fellow; John J. Dickson, of Kirshaw Lodge, No. 7, for improper conduct.

Alabama.

SUSPENSION.—Thomas C. Rawlings, of Union Lodge, No. 13, for unbecoming conduct.

EXPULSIONS.—John Gano, of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, for deserting his wife and children, and taking up with another woman; Benjamin Williams, for conduct unworthy of an Odd-Fellow; John M. Suther, of Montgomery Lodge, No. 6, for immoral conduct, Samuel D. McKay, for habitual drunkenness; John W. Frederick, of Greensboro Lodge, No. 8, for running away and defrauding his creditors; A. D. Brown, of Macon Lodge, No. 14, for drunkenness.

Connecticut.

EXPULSIONS.—Lodge No. 5, Moses W. Campbell, adultery; 6, Wm. M. Matthews, habitual intoxication; 7, Embra A. Stephens, 8, Oliver M. Wales, drunkenness; 8, H. H. Woodruff, fraudulently representing his

age to be over 21 years; 51, Henry Warriner, adultery; 17, John T. Brown, immoral conduct, Orlando Champlin, obtaining the value of money under false pretences, Franklin D. Rodgers, fornication; 19, Wm. H. Noyes, immoral conduct; 22, John O. Donnell, 24, Marcellus J. Judd, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 31, Isaac B. Angell, immoral conduct.

Maine.

SUSPENSIONS.—165, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS.—14, names and causes not given.

Illinois.

SUSPENSIONS.—No. 10, George Leviston, pilfering, and unfounded charges against a brother; 12, J. D. Griffin, 14, E. H. Partridge, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 16, T. P. Norton, intoxication; 18, Wm. E. Franklin, dissipation.

EXPULSIONS.—Lodge No. 5, J. Chaney, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 6, Martin Collins, imposing upon Lodges in the East, and borrowing money under false pretences; 12, Jesse Sappington, R. H. Rhodes, intoxication and conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 5, Jno. H. Andrews, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

Rhode Island.

EXPULSIONS.—James W. Easton, of Eagle Lodge, No. 2, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; J. C. Ross, from Hope Lodge, No. 4, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

Georgia.

EXPULSIONS.—Judah M. Isaacs, from Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; W. J. Murchison, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; Henry Ball, of United-Brothers Lodge, No. 5, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; D. K. Stansbury, of DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; J. M. V. Cooper, of Miller Lodge, No. 10, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

North Carolina.

SUSPENSIONS.—1, name and cause not given.

EXPULSIONS.—3, names and causes not given.

New Hampshire.

EXPULSIONS.—5, names and causes not given.

Michigan.

EXPULSIONS.—James G. Russel, of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, for dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, A. G. Buddington, immorality, and licentious conduct.

Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

SUSPENSIONS.—James B. Cooper, by Olive Branch Encampment, No. 13, improper conduct; Thomas Forsythe, by Delaware Co. Encampment, No. 32, improper conduct.

Grand Encampment of New York.

SUSPENSIONS.—J. H. Tillman, of No. 30, suspended for improper conduct by his Subordinate Lodge.

EXPULSIONS.—No. 2, Ira R. Bull, by Subordinate Lodge, improper conduct; No. 2, Stephen Beeney, by Subordinate Lodge, defalcation of Lodge funds; No. 20, George W. Leach, by Subordinate Lodge, improper conduct; No. 20, Elisha M. Ray, by Subordinate Lodge, improper conduct.

Grand Encampment of Ohio.

SUSPENSIONS.—10, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS.—8, names and causes not given.

Grand Encampment of Kentucky.

SUSPENSIONS.—6, names and causes not given.

Grand Encampment of Maryland.

SUSPENSIONS.—35, names and causes not given.

Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.

SUSPENSION.—1, name and cause not given.

Grand Encampment of Virginia.

SUSPENSIONS.—George Scott, of No. 3, 1 name not given of No. 5, intemperance.

EXPULSIONS.—E. D. Haynes, of No. 3, fraud; Wm. R. McNeal, of No. 6, dishonesty; Wm. H. Hook, of No. 8, drunkenness.

Grand Encampment of New Jersey.

SUSPENSIONS.—8, names and causes not given.

Grand Encampment of Missouri.

SUSPENSION.—Wm. S. Stewart, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

EXPULSIONS.—Louis DuBruiel, Cyrus G. Hoyt, from Subordinate Lodge, cause not given.

Grand Encampment of Maine.

SUSPENSION.—1, name and cause not given.

EXPULSIONS.—Wm. H. Plummer, for immoral conduct, Alonzo Parsons, from Subordinate Lodge, for immoral conduct.

Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

SUSPENSION.—1, name and cause not given.

EXPULSION.—George W. Eggleston, by Subordinate Lodge, cause not given.

Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.

SUSPENSIONS.—44, names and causes not given.

EXPULSIONS.—2, names and causes not given.

Grand Encampment of Connecticut.

SUSPENSIONS.—19, names and causes not given.

Grand Encampment of District of Columbia.

SUSPENSIONS.—P. H. P. Samuel Stettinius, of Columbian Encampment, No. 1, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; Richard E. Booth, of Mount Pisgah Encampment, No. 3, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

D. D. G. SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1847-8.

Vermont—Eli Ballou.

Florida—Wiley Williams.

Alabama—John Affron.

Rhode Island—Henry L. Webster.

Illinois Southern—G. B. Allen.

Illinois Northern, and part of Iowa and Wisconsin—John G. Potts.

Illinois, Northern part and Wisconsin—William Duane Wilson.

Arkansas—James Norton.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

P. G. William E. Anderson,	Wilmington, N. C.
P. G. M. John W. Anderson,	Savannah, Ga.
“ Samuel Yorke AtLee,	Washington, D. C.
“ John Affron,	Mobile, Ala.
“ George M. Bain,	Portsmouth, Va.
“ Wm. H. Brown,	Jackson, Miss.
G. C. P. Stephen Brown,	Concord, N. H.
P. C. P. Wm. L. Brewer,	Norwich, Conn.
P. G. Daniel T. Clark,	Newark, N. J.
D. D. G. S. S. B. Campbell,	Toronto, Canada.
P. G. J. P. Chapman,	Indianapolis, Ind.
“ James A. Coffin,	New York.
P. G. H. P. Raymond Cole,	Boston, Mass.
P. C. P. Ezra Clark, Jr.,	Hartford, Conn.
P. G. Windel T. Davis,	Greenfield, Mass.
“ Albert G. Day,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M. and G. P. Peter Della Torre,	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. M. Prelate Demick,	New Haven, Conn.
P. C. P. Theodore Dimon,	Utica, N. Y.
P. G. John W. Dwinelle,	Rochester, N. Y.
P. C. P. Wm. F. Davis,	Louisville, Ky.
P. G. P. Wm. Ellison,	Boston, Mass.
“ John Green,	New York.
G. M. R. H. Griffin,	Savannah, Ga.
P. G. George Sill,	Wilmington, Del.
G. C. Henry Holmes,	St. Louis, Mo.
G. P. Edward S. Hough,	Alexandria, Va.
P. G. Allen Haines,	Portland, Me.
P. G. George W. Johnston,	——, Ky.
P. G. M. S. S. Jones,	St. Charles, Ill.
P. G. Wm. B. Kerlin,	Steubenville, Ohio
P. C. P. A. S. Kellogg,	Detroit, Mich.
P. G. M. J. Harrison Kelly,	Charlestown, Va.
P. C. P. Samuel Lilly,	Lambertsville, N. J.
P. G. M. Alex. K. Marshall,	Nicholasville, Ky.
P. C. P. Duncan McRea,	Fayetteville, N. C.

P. G. M.	Wm. W. Moore,	Washington, D. C.
P. G.	George S. Morris,	York, Pa.
"	Wm. L. McCauley,	Baltimore, Md.
"	H. McKinnell,	New Orleans, La.
G. C. P.	Edward F. Macdonough,	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G.	E. St. J. Neally,	Bath, Me.
P. G. M.	S. H. Parker,	Dover, N. H.
P. G.	N. R. Ramsdell,	Ann Arbor, Mich.
"	George J. Roche,	Baltimore, Md.
P. G. M.	John Sessford,	Washington, D. C.
P. G.	Timothy G. Senter,	Portsmouth, N. H.
G. M.	G. P. Smith,	Nashville, Tenn.
G. M.	Thomas Spooner,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M.	John W. Stokes,	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G.	William Simons,	Providence, R. I.
R. W. G.	W. Wilmot G. DeSaussure,	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. M.	Levi Taylor,	Baltimore, Md.
R. W. D. G. M.	James H. Taylor,	Charleston, S. C.
P. C. P.	Frederick P. Theobald,	Gardner, Me.
P. D. D. G. S. I. D.	Williamson,	Memphis, Tenn.
P. G.	John Winder,	Detroit, Mich.
P. G. M.	Wm. Duane Wilson,	Milwaukee, Wis.
P. C. P.	M. Woodruff,	Columbus, Ga.
P. G. M.	E. M. P. Wells,	Boston, Mass.
P. G.	John H. Wakefield,	Lambertville, N. J.
"	A. P. Ware,	Providence, R. I.
"	Andrew Yohe,	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
P. G. M.	John C. Yeager,	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. Sire	Thomas Wildey,	Baltimore, Md.
"	" Samuel H. Perkins,	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	" Zenos B. Glazier,	Wilmington, Del.
"	" John A. Kennedy,	New York
"	" Howell Hopkins,	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	" Thomas Sherlock,	Cincinnati, Ohio.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

Horn R. Kneass,	M. W. G. Sire,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Newell A. Thompson,	R. W. D. G. Sire,	Boston, Mass.
James L. Ridgely,	R. W. G. C. and R. Sec'y,	Baltimore, Md.
Andrew E. Warner,	R. W. G. Treasurer,	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. James D. McCabe,	W. G. Chaplain,	Abingdon, Va.
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Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE U. S.

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1848.

MONDAY, September 18, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

HORN R. KNEASS, - - M. W. G. Sire.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary
ANDREW E. WARNER, R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, R. W. G. Chaplain.
SMITH SKINNER, - - R. W. G. Marshal.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. G. Messenger.
SAMUEL L. HARRIS, - W. G. Guardian.

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of States were present, the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Deputy Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The chair named Reps. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, Ramsdell, of Michigan, and Sessford, of District of Columbia, as the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the majority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read:

To the R W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following representatives as in form and duly authenticated:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,		
P. G. M. WM. E. PARMENTER,		Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. M. E. C. ROBINSON,	}	Reps. of Virginia.
P. G. W. L. BOAK,		
P. G. M. SAMUEL H. PARKER,	}	Reps. of New Hampshire.
P. G. P. STEPHEN BROWN,		
P. G. M. WM. H. McKEE,	}	Reps. of North Carolina.
P. G. T. BURR, Jr.,		
P. G. WM. N. KNIGHT,		Rep. of Rhode Island.
P. G. M. SAMUEL READ,	}	Reps. of New Jersey.
P. G. JOHN H. WAKEFIELD,		
P. G. JACOB P. CHAPMAN,		Rep. of Indiana.
P. G. ALEX. K. MARSHALL,	}	Reps. of Kentucky.
P. G. WRIGHT MERRICK,		
P. G. JOHN SILSBY,		Rep. of Alabama.
P. G. N. B. KNEASS,	}	Reps. of Louisiana.
P. G. ROBERT MOTT,		
P. G. M. JNO. W. ANDERSON,	}	Reps. of Georgia.
P. G. M. ROBT. H. GRIFFIN,		
P. G. NORTON R. RAMSDELL,	}	Reps. of Michigan.
P. G. M. ALFRED TREADWAY,		
D. G. M. W. G. DESAUSSURE,	}	Reps. of South Carolina.
G. M. JAMES H. TAYLOR,		
P. G. RICHARD GREEN,	}	Reps. of Ohio.
P. G. M. THOMAS SPOONER,		
P. G. M. WM. R. SMITH,	}	Reps. of Maine.
P. G. M. NATH. F. DEERING,		
P. G. M. WM. H. BROWN,	}	Reps. of Mississippi.
P. G. JOHN B. DICKS,		
P. G. M. JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.,	}	Reps. of District Columbia.
P. G. M. WM. W. MOORE,		
P. G. H. L. PAGE,		Rep. of Wisconsin.
P. G. WM. T. MINOR,		Rep. of Connecticut.
P. G. PETER FRITZ,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. WM. D. BAKER,		
P. G. GEORGE B. DICKSON,	}	Reps. of Delaware.
P. G. ROBERT S. HARRIS,		
P. G. M. HENRY HOLMES,	}	Reps. of Missouri.
P. G. WM. A. MOFFETT,		
P. G. ELI BALLOU,		Rep. of Vermont.
P. G. JAMES M. CONRAD,		Rep. of Texas.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. C. P. G. D. TEWKSBURY,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
P. C. P. B. F. ZIMMERMAN,		
P. G. H. P. RAYMOND COLE,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts.
P. G. JOS. B. FROST, Jr.,		
P. G. H. P. TOWNS'D P. ABELL,		Rep. of Connecticut.
P. G. HORATIO N. GALLAHER,		Rep. of Virginia.
P. H. P. J. G. FORMAN,		Rep. of New Hampshire.
P. G. ISRAEL DISOSWAY,		Rep. of North Carolina.
P. G. WM. M. ALLEN,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. A. W. HAINES,		
P. G. M. JOHN T. TOWERS,		Rep. of District Columbia.
P. G. GEORGE PATTEN,		Rep. of Georgia.
P. C. P. F. P. THEOBALD,		Rep. of Maine.
P. G. P. JOHN WINDER,		Rep. of Michigan.
P. G. WM. B. CHAPMAN,	}	Reps. of Ohio.
P. G. JOHN BROUGH,		
P. G. P. PETER DELLA TORRE,		Rep. of South Carolina.
P. C. P. JOHN G. HASTINGS,		Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. M. CHAS. W. WHITALL,		Rep. of Louisiana.
P. C. P. R. GILLESPIE,		Rep. of Kentucky.
P. H. P. SAMUEL W. BOND,		Rep. of New Jersey.

The committee have in their hands credentials certifying the election of

P. G. JAMES W. HALE,
P. G. JOHN J. DAVIES,

whose certificates are signed by Joseph R. Taylor, as Grand Master, and Benjamin J. Pentz, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, also of

P. G. JOHN W. DWINELLE,

whose certificate is signed by D. P. Barnard, as Grand Master, and W. H. H. Prall, as Grand Secretary. The seal of the Grand Lodge of New York is, so far as the committee can distinguish, upon all the certificates.

Certificates of the election of the following gentlemen from the Grand Encampment of New York:

P. C. P. JOS. D. STEWART,
P. C. P. WM. W. DIBBLEE,

whose certificates are signed by Thaddeus Davids, as Grand Patriarch, and John J. Davies, as Grand Scribe, and of

P. C. P. HIRAM P. ROWELL,
P. C. P. DAVID D. EGAN,

whose certificates are signed by Issachar G. Reid, as Grand Patriarch, and John L. Van Boskerck, as Grand Scribe. The impressions

of the seal of the Grand Encampment are upon all the certificates so far as the committee can distinguish.

Your committee, in determining as to whom of these claimants are entitled to seats, are governed by the rule that they are bound to take official notice of such Grand Bodies in the local jurisdictions as have been duly recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States and its officers, and such evidence of that recognition as is found upon its records and its archives, as *prima facie* conclusive of the authenticity and genuineness of the communications which appear to emanate from them. They, therefore, with this guide, report the following representatives as having authentic certificates, and as entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge:

Grand Lodge of New York.

P. G. JAMES W. HALE,
P. G. JOHN J. DAVIES.

Grand Encampment of New York.

P. C. P. JOS. D. STEWART,
P. C. P. WM. W. DIBBLEE.

The committee find in their hands a certificate of the appointment of Vice Grand Peter A. Brinsmade, as delegate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, under the signatures of the officers and seal of the Lodge. It is herewith returned to the Grand Lodge for such action as may be necessary thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, from the minority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, minority of the committee appointed for the examination of credentials, begs leave to report: That in his opinion the evidence before the committee is not sufficient to authorize the committee to decide upon the conflicting claims of brothers from the State of New York, whose certificates were before your committee. And although your committee might, perhaps, take official notice of the existence of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in that State, they could not take such notice of their officers. The evidence of the genuineness of the several certificates before your committee, depends in the estimation of the undersigned, solely on the impression of the seal of the lodge or encampment from which they purport to come, and beyond which your committee could not look without further authority from this R. W. Body. The impression of the same seal is on each of the Encampment certificates, and the same in the case of the Grand Lodge certificates.

The undersigned asks leave therefore to refer said certificates to this lodge, without further action of the committee thereon, and recommends that the matter be referred to a select committee, with authority to take such evidence as they may deem necessary for correctly deciding the question before them.

Respectfully submitted.

N. R. RAMSDELL.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the majority report of the Committee on Credentials was divided, and so much thereof as referred to the uncontested seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States was adopted. The question recurring on that part of the majority report of the Committee on Credentials not already acted upon,

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That no person be admitted to visit this Grand Lodge unless by special resolution.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That P. G's John G. Treadwell, W. H. H. Prall, Daniel P. Barnard, William Hopkins, Timothy Parson, — Jacques, Theodore A. Ward and — Vail, be allowed to visit this Grand Lodge during the session.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, moved to amend by striking out the name of John G. Treadwell.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved the following substitute:

Resolved, That until the settlement of the claims of representatives to this Grand Lodge from the State of New York, no persons shall be admitted to seats on this floor, except members of the Grand Lodge and those claiming to be such.

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of that part of the majority report of the Committee on Credentials not already acted upon.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved to amend that part of the majority report under consideration as follows:

Resolved, That the whole matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York be referred to a special committee to be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to postpone the whole subject until the Grand Sire's annual report shall have been read.

Rep. Moore called the previous question, which, not being seconded, the question recurred on the motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, to postpone, when he asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion.

The question being upon the amendment of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, to that part of the majority report under consideration, it was resolved in the affirmative. Whereupon the report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, 'That the committee to whom the New York controversy was ordered to be referred shall consist of five, and be elected by ballot.

On motion of P. G. S. Glazier, to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, to the majority report of the Committee on Credentials, it was resolved in the negative.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nomination of candidates for the committee to whom the subject of the New York controversy was referred, when the following nominations were made:

Reps. Mott, of La.; Baker, of Pa.; Torre, of S. C.; Marshall, of Ky.; Wakefield, of N. J.; Ramsdell, of Michigan; Minor, of Conn.; Spooner, of Ohio; Moore, of D. of C.; Forman, of N. H.; Smith, of Maine; Sessford, of D. of C.; Ballou, of Vt.; Chapman, of Ind.; Griffin, of Ga.; DeSaussure, of S. C.; Holmes, of Mo.

Reps. Griffin, Torre, Mott, DeSaussure, Chapman, Holmes and Ballou, declined being candidates for the committee.

Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, moved that the nominations be now closed, and that the lodge proceed to ballot, which was agreed to.

The M. W. Grand Sire appointed Reps. Marshall, of Kentucky, and Ballou, of Vermont, as tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives and counted the same, announced the following result: that 66 votes had been polled, of which number

Reps. Parmenter received	-	-	-	47	votes.
Baker	"	-	-	-	30 "
Marshall	"	-	-	-	36 "
Wakefield	"	-	-	-	27 "
Ramsdell	"	-	-	-	36 "
Minor	"	-	-	-	12 "
Spooner	"	-	-	-	20 "
Moore	"	-	-	-	24 "
Forman	"	-	-	-	10 "
Smith	"	-	-	-	30 "
Sessford	"	-	-	-	16 "
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	36 "
Blank			-	-	1 "

Whereupon the chair declared that Reps. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, Marshall, of Kentucky, and Ramsdell, of Michigan, having received a majority of the votes polled, were elected, and that no election had been had as to the residue of the committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives and counted the same, announced the following result: that 68 votes had been polled, of which number

Reps. Baker received	-	-	-	40	votes.
Smith	"	-	-	-	37 "
Wakefield	"	-	-	-	29 "
Spooner	"	-	-	-	24 "
Moore	"	-	-	-	5 "

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared that Reps. Baker, of Pennsylvania, and Smith, of Maine, having received a majority of the votes polled, were elected.

On motion of Rep. Fritz, of Pennsylvania, P. G. Sec'y Wm. Curtis, P. C. P's Aaron Waters, Wm. Allen and T. Fisk, of Pennsylvania, P. C. P. Forbes, of Louisiana, Israel Robinson, M. W. G. M. of Virginia, P. G. M. Levin Jones, P. G. M. John Mills, P. G. Christopher Cammack, of District of Columbia, were admitted to visit this Grand Lodge during its session.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, from day to day, for the use of the members, omitting from the said *daily publication* such documents as the members may be furnished with in a printed form.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge forbid to its members, officers, or visitors, the right to report the proceedings of this body for publication.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins, the reading of the Journal of last session was dispensed with.

P. G. S. Kennedy moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do meet daily, during the session, at 10 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of P. G. S. Glazier, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 5 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved to amend by substituting 6 o'clock P. M., which was not agreed to, and the resolution of Rep. Mott was adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

The chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, Fritz, of Pennsylvania, Smith, of Tennessee.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Moore, of District of Columbia, Deering, of Maine, Silsby, of Alabama.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Anderson, of Georgia, Brown, of Mississippi, Conrad, of Texas.

Committee on Returns and Reports of Grand Lodges and Grand

Encampments and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.—Reps. Spooner, of Ohio, Harris, of Delaware, Page, of Wisconsin

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Parker, of New Hampshire, Read, of New Jersey, Abell, of Connecticut.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Chapman, of Indiana, Holmes, of Missouri, McKee, of North Carolina.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Mott, of Louisiana, Marley, of Maryland, Parker, of Illinois.

Committee on Grand Lodges and Encampments not represented.—Reps. Robinson, of Virginia, Knight, of Rhode Island, Towers, of District of Columbia.

On motion of Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, P. G. M. Wayne, of Georgia, was admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. McKee, of North Carolina, P. G. M. MacRea, of North Carolina, was admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge meet daily for the transaction of business at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, report the following certificates as correct:

Grand Lodge of Tennessee.—P. G. A. M. Rosborough, P. G. M. G. P. Smith.

Grand Encampment of Tennessee.—P. G. Sec'y Elijah Morton.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER, for the Committee.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In complying with the provision of the constitution touching the duty of the Grand Sire upon the annual assembling of the representatives of the extended jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, I cannot forbear the expression of my profound gratitude to the Author of all good for the increased strength, almost universal harmony and enhanced usefulness by which our progress, during the last year, has been distinguished, and, at the same time, to tender to the other officers, representatives and other members, my most cordial congratulations upon the happy manifestation of the various healthful influences of our fraternity, which, ramifying through every condition of life, give encouragement, comfort and peace wherever they

are felt, and confirm the institution in the intelligence and regard of the people by whom they are either witnessed or enjoyed.

Occupying so large a space in the public eye as does this Order, to whose advancement we have contributed our sleepless energies, and whose prosperity is promotive of and inseparable from the improvement of the moral condition of every community where its maxims are promulged, it cannot but be gratifying to those engaged in the development of its mild yet effective power, to find, upon each successive annual return, the general expectation satisfied, and a still more extended usefulness ensured.

Called upon, as I was, on the adjournment of the last session, by the organic law, (whose fulfilment all of us are required to assist) "to exercise, during the recess, a general superintendence over the interests of the Order," it is scarcely necessary for me to say that, impressed with a sense of the importance and delicacy of the functions thus committed to me, I invoked the aid of whatever judgment and experience I possessed, and, in some instances, invited counsel from others, distinguished alike by their discretion, talent and high position, in the hope that my official acts and doings (which I now respectfully submit to your consideration) might be in consonance with our rules and usages, and, at the same time, assist and secure the steady advancement of those principles to the illustration and enforcement of which we are in common devoted.

On the 29th of December last, the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont was instituted. That pleasing duty was performed by the R. W. D. Grand Sire, Bro. Thompson, assisted by P. G. M. Parmenter, at Montpelier, and in such a manner as to impress the members of that body with the importance of the task so committed to their hands. The members themselves are citizens of the utmost respectability and intelligence in that State, and doubtless will know no let or hindrance in the diffusion of the blessings they have thus undertaken to dispense. They will, in all probability, be represented at this session, as immediately after the institution of their Grand Lodge they elected, amongst other officers, an intelligent and highly useful member as their representative.

An application having been made in due form for a dispensation to open a Grand Encampment in the State of Delaware, the same was allowed. On the 2d of August last, in company with P. G. Sire Hopkins, (who kindly agreed to assist in the interesting ceremonies of the occasion) I instituted the said Grand Encampment in the city of Wilmington, and caused such information to be imparted to the members as was deemed necessary in the new and trying position they had assumed. Enjoying a personal acquaintance with most of the petitioners, I needed no assurance beyond that which my knowledge of their personal worth and capacity afforded me of their inclination and ability to render valuable service in the new sphere in which they were thus placed.

An application having been made, in due form, for the establishment of a Grand Encampment in the State of Louisiana, a dispen-

sation for the same was issued. Bro. H. McKinnell, late Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of that State, opened that Grand Encampment on the 10th of February last, at New Orleans. From the high character of the members engaged in the enterprise, I am allowed the inference that the condition of the Patriarchal department of our Order, in that section of our jurisdiction, will be thus materially strengthened and improved, and its advantages be generally diffused through the brotherhood there.

On the 10th of January last, the Grand Encampment of Indiana was constituted at Indianapolis, by Bro. J. P. Chapman, Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of that State, whose general efficiency in the discharge of official duty connected with our institution, affords the assurance that the task committed to his performance was satisfactorily attended to. There is every reason to believe that this branch of Odd-Fellowship will thrive, and soon be widely extended under the protecting care of those meritorious brethren to whom the assisting of its further growth has been confided.

Dispensations for a number of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments have been issued, but for information as to the same I respectfully refer the Grand Lodge to the report which will be submitted by the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

During the recess, I have been appealed to upon a variety of interesting and important subjects connected with the Order, and in view of the duty required at my hands, I take occasion to refer to a number of them, so that, in case of any error in judgment on my part, concerning the same, I may at once be corrected and the correction forthwith be promulged. Many of the matters submitted to my consideration having found ready responses in the Digest, it is unnecessary to refer to them, believing it to be well to invite your attention to those only which were not so easy of solution.

It has been submitted to me whether an encampment can displace an officer, during the term for which he was elected, for non-attendance, in the absence of any constitutional provision or by-law on the subject, and to that question I have given a negative answer. If an encampment fail to incorporate in her constitution or by laws, that an officer vacates his seat by neglect of duty or non-attendance for any number of meetings, I am aware of no usage that will justify her in declaring vacant an office where there has been such neglect or non-attendance on the part of the member elected to and installed in the same. If such a procedure were allowable, it must be obvious that such officer would be liable to removal at the whim or sudden ill-feeling of the members of the encampment to which he belongs, and if in one case a real neglect of duty should be used as a basis for such an act, in another a supposed dereliction might be urged with the same result; and if, to-day, an absence for half the official term, or a much less time, should be considered a sufficient cause of removal, it might be that to-morrow something less objectionable would be an adequate cause also, and one can readily see that in such a view of the official tenure, an officer could be re-

moved simply because some of his acts and doings, in themselves correct, and even called for by the condition of his encampment, might not, at the time, by a majority of her members, be deemed wise or salutary. Besides, the effect of such a view would be to touch the independence of the official position, which might thus be made to change with the sentiments of members, of whom more than half might be little more than initiates. If an officer could be thus displaced at the pleasure of his encampment, there would be no security for him that he would be permitted to serve through his full term, no matter how exemplary his deportment. He, of course, has rights as well as the rest of the members, and is amenable to punishment for offences pointed out by law.

An inquiry also has been made, whether it is allowable to embody in a constitution for Subordinate Lodges a provision by which "when a candidate is balloted for and three or more black balls appear against him, the matter is to be submitted to the lodge, and if not more than one-third of the members present vote against him, he is to be admitted," and has been answered by the assertion on my part that such an alteration would be objectionable on principle and calculated to work injustice in practice. By a usage of the Order well recognized and based upon sound considerations, a vote by ballot is conclusive, and no one, after it has been taken, has a right to move for a reconsideration or to proceed to ballot anew. The object of using the ballot is secrecy; rend the veil which secures it and members will, sometimes, either shrink from that vigilance which, on their part, is necessary in reference to candidates for admission; or be exposed to the contumely or ill-will of others in consequence of their resisting the admission of objectionable candidates; in short, there would be cast upon members a restraint that might interfere with the right inherent in the members of every lodge, to judge of the qualifications of candidates. To submit a question a second time to a lodge after she has decided it in the most deliberate manner known, not merely to our institution, but to civilized man, is utterly inconsistent with this usage. Besides this, there is another usage which declares that two black balls are conclusive in a vote upon such a question. This, too, is founded in reason and justice, and is not without the most useful results in practice; for if two black balls are insufficient to reject a candidate, the repugnance of any two members who should think proper to use them, might be so strong as to induce them to withdraw from the lodge, in which case, the lodge itself would be injured, and that too when the candidate is yet untried, and the withdrawing brethren are of known worth.

It has also been submitted to me whether visiting cards issued by the "Grand Lodge of British North America," and countersigned by the Grand Secretary of the same, are valid in our jurisdiction, and whether upon the request of a Noble Grand of a lodge under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, it is competent in our jurisdiction to confer the A. T. P. W. upon brethren holding such cards. By

reference to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its last session, it will appear that when a brother is called suddenly from home, a practice had grown up of accompanying the card, when forwarded, by a letter from the Noble Grand of the lodge granting it, to the Noble Grand of some lodge in the place where the travelling brother is temporarily resident, which practice was confirmed and made to apply to the entire union. With this guide before me, and the knowledge that the A. T. P. W. of this body was also at the same time in use in Canada, and the qualifications of membership were identical in both jurisdictions, I could not but arrive at the conclusion that the said practice should be extended to cases where brethren have suddenly left their homes in Canada and are travelling in the States.

It has been further submitted to me, whether a member who has officiated as a Grand Representative in this body, and in that capacity came into possession of the Grand Encampment degree, without having served in the chair of either the Chief Patriarch or High Priest, can claim his seat in the organization of a State Grand Encampment, and equal rank, privilege and eligibility to office therein with a Past Chief Patriarch or a Past High Priest, and upon this enquiry I have given my decision in the negative. The "Digest" shows "that each State Grand Lodge must confer the Grand Lodge degree without pecuniary consideration upon any brother in good standing who has regularly performed the duties of Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge and upon no other person, it being a reward for meritorious services." By analogy it would seem to me that the Grand Encampment degree can be conferred only upon a Past Chief Patriarch or Past High Priest, who as such has regularly officiated, and that it is a reward for meritorious service as well in case of the Grand Encampment as the Grand Lodge of a state. It is true that a member of this body becomes indoctrinated in that degree when he takes his seat as such, if he were uninstructed in it before, yet in that case he receives it only for the purpose of enabling him to perform his duties as a Representative, nothing else, and the privilege of so acting is the only one it confers. "Grand Encampments consist of all Past Chief Patriarchs or Past High Priests, or if their constitutions so determine, of all Past Chief Patriarchs only." Being instructed in the Grand Encampment degree at a session of the Grand Lodge of the United States does not make the recipient either a Past Chief Patriarch or a Past High Priest, consequently he cannot be a member of a Grand Encampment merely from the fact of his having been instructed in that degree from the source referred to.

The question has been propounded to me "whether a member who is known to be a member of a suspended lodge can be permitted to enter or remain in the Grand Encampment, and if such member is an officer of the Grand Encampment whether he retains his office therein," and to the same I have given my answer in the negative. To require or retain membership in an encampment, full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is indispensably necessary. The word

“lodge” as used by the Grand Lodge of the United States, means a Subordinate Lodge that is neither expelled nor suspended. If a lodge is expelled, of course its functions cease altogether—if suspended, its functions stop during the period of such suspension. By the suspension of a lodge its rights as a lodge cease temporarily, and this temporary disability attaches as well to the members individually as collectively; a member of a lodge thus unfortunate not being allowed to visit in the brotherhood, or representing that lodge in the Grand Lodge, &c. Hence it follows that when a Subordinate Lodge is suspended, a member of the same who is also a member of a Subordinate Encampment is affected in such encampment by the suspension of that lodge, and he has no right, while that disability lasts, to visit that or any other encampment, any more than he should be permitted to visit any other Subordinate Lodge. His rights in the Subordinate Lodge being suspended, his claim to exercise the duties of an office in the Grand Encampment, which, in all cases, must rest upon his membership in a Subordinate Encampment, must likewise be suspended, and he has no more right to visit the Grand Encampment than a Subordinate Encampment or Subordinate Lodge in good standing. If then a Grand Lodge should suspend any of its Subordinate Lodges, and notice of the fact be given by the former to the Grand Encampment, such notice is conclusive upon the latter body, and she cannot go behind it, but should, at once take such means as might be deemed most effective, to apprise the various Subordinate Encampments under her jurisdiction of the fact, and to prevent the members of such suspended lodges, who are also members of Subordinate Encampments, from visiting any encampment whatever under its jurisdiction.

It has also been submitted to me as to the time when a suspension of a lodge takes effect, whether at the time of the passage of the act, or at the official notification to the lodge of the same; and I have decided that the suspension of a lodge takes effect at once, on the passage of the resolution declaring the said suspension. Although upon the first view of the subject, it might appear unjust to a lodge located at a distance from its State Grand Lodge to consider invalid all her acts done in the interval between the act of suspension and the receipt of the notice of the same, yet it should be recollected that the penal laws of our Order, as well in consonance with the principles of justice as the rules of our fraternity, are enforced only after a specific charge has been presented, and an opportunity given to the accused to be heard. In every such case, he knows the nature of such a charge, and can if he choose, meet it, and must await the issue without doing any thing calculated to affect innocent persons. A State Grand Lodge has the power to say when a suspension shall take effect, and in the exercise of that power may fix for that purpose a period some time off, or declare an immediate suspension. If a card be issued by a suspended lodge, after its suspension, but before the receipt of the notice of the same, it would prove of no service to its holder. The records of

the State Grand Lodge would show the date of the suspension, and that being anterior to the date of the card, other lodges aware of the facts would be governed by the declarations of the superior body.

It has also been submitted to me whether the name of a candidate for initiation and membership can be withdrawn after being once handed over to the committee—whether in such a case the lodge is not bound to proceed to vote upon his application.

To these inquiries I thought proper to answer, that after the name of such candidate is handed over to a committee, it may be withdrawn before the report of that committee is presented, but not subsequently. If the report is recommitted to the committee, it seems to me that it is then too late to withdraw the name of the candidate. If it were otherwise, the purpose of the law applicable to rejected candidates would be, in a great measure, baffled, and lodges might through a want of full information as to the standing of applicants, be imposed upon.

It has also been submitted to me, whether a person can be admitted into a Subordinate Lodge on an encampment card. While encampments are a part of the same order with Subordinate Lodges, use the same form of card, and derive their existence and authority from the same source, still the two branches are separate and distinct. A member of one may be familiar with the other, but it does not follow necessarily that he must be so. Encampment members should be of course competent to decide upon the authenticity of a card from a Subordinate Lodge, but it does not follow that members of a Subordinate Lodge can decide upon the correctness of an encampment card; indeed, there might be such a thing as a lodge without a member enjoying any patriarchal degree. As the rule in reference to cards should be uniform, such a lodge would be without an adequate guard against imposition. Thus impressed, I responded accordingly.

It was also submitted to me, whether there were any other funeral regalia than that designated in the Digest. This subject appears to have engrossed much attention in one of the State jurisdictions, and to have generated in its discussion therein an excitement inconsistent with a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the question. The language of the Digest, however, upon the subject, is so clear and positive, that notwithstanding my high respect for the intelligence of those involved in the discussion, I am nevertheless constrained to say, that I cannot see how more than one construction could be placed upon the same. The only regalia to be worn at funerals is that described in the Digest.

In May last I received from Bro. Wm. Towers, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, a communication upon the subject of establishing lodges on the Pacific coast, particularly in Oregon, and suggesting to me a ready means by which that object could be accomplished, in the event of my seeing no impediment in the way of my authorizing so important a step. The introduction of the light of Odd-Fellowship to that remote region would no doubt

contribute, in a great degree, to make that comparative wilderness smile and blossom with the fruits of civilization, and impart additional warmth to the hearts of the sparsely scattered population of that recently explored seaboard, yet I was constrained to defer to the decision of this body, made at its last session, in the hope that at the reassembling of the representatives, at this session, some efforts might be made to send the glad tidings of our brotherhood across the Rocky Mountains, and proclaim them, in accents of fraternal love, upon the ocean-bound coast of Oregon. I therefore most respectfully invoke your earnest attention to this interesting subject.

On the 3d instant I received, through the agency of D. D. G. Sire Webster, a petition from Palestine Encampment, No. 3, praying for a change of location from Newport to Woonsocket. That judicious brother warmly seconds the application, but in view of the early meeting of this body, I forebore to comply with the request, and now submit it for your consideration and action.

I cannot forbear to call your attention to a decision of this Grand Lodge, made at its last session, in reference to the provisional operation of a constitution or amendment in the interval between the adoption of the same and its confirmation by this body. In my judgment, this construction of the tenth article of the by-laws is so latitudinarian as to defeat, in a great measure, the operation of the by-law itself. The organic law of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment should be permanent; at least, should continue in force from one session of this body to another. Under the construction referred to, such a law, after an elaborate examination and confirmation by this Grand Lodge, might be amended immediately after the adjournment of the session at which it was confirmed, and the said amendment could continue in use till the following session of this body, and after action upon the same, could be altered again by the State Grand Lodge in the form of an amendment. In this manner the confirmatory power of this body would exist only in name—become a mockery—and the full power of making such alterations *ad libitum*, in reality would exist in the State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Besides this grave and substantial objection, there is another to be found in the spirit of change which is thus engendered and fostered, and to which it is unnecessary to do more than refer. The construction alluded to could, in my opinion, be advantageously restricted to new lodges and encampments, but when their constitutions receive the approval of this Grand Lodge, no amendment of the same should go into force until stamped with the confirmatory power of this body.

These considerations I have deemed it proper to suggest, so that if it should be adjudged advisable to continue the sanction of constitutions differing in many essential features, there may yet be preserved in the same a consistency with the well known usages and rules of the Order.

In this connexion, I desire to present to your deliberations the inquiry whether a form of constitution for Grand Lodges, also a form

of constitution for Grand Encampments, would not in the main, prove more satisfactory than the present unstable platform of organic law which too often bends beneath the pressure imposed upon it. A uniform constitution emanating from the great source of authority in our institution, so fashioned as to meet and cover the entire wants of the States, it seems to me would do much to quiet the spirit of discord which is too often abroad, and at the same time prevent much of the litigation which bears so oppressively upon the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the variety of their constitutional provisions. The *language* of our Order being the same wherever it is pronounced, I can see no reason why the organs which give it utterance, should not, so far as our agency can make them so, be alike also. In proportion as uniformity in our institutions is carried out, in the same proportion will the facilities for a full and sound understanding of the humanizing work in which all of us are engaged, be enhanced, and the perpetuity of the Order itself promoted. A form of constitution applying to all the Subordinate Lodges in a State jurisdiction, has, so far as I have learned, proved highly advantageous and useful in every sphere where it has been permitted to operate; and in this view, I cannot but believe that a similar caution in respect to the various Grand Lodges, would be equally serviceable and happy in its results upon the vast jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

In conformity to a resolution of this body, I prepared a brief salutatory address, which was engrossed and committed to the hands of Bro. James L. Ridgely, our special representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America. That esteemed and enlightened brother repaired to Montreal, and was present at the last session of that distinguished body. An account of his mission will be contained in the general report which he will be pleased to communicate to you.

Under a resolution of the last session, authorizing and directing the Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Grand Treasurer, to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds in state stock, there has been invested by those officers, in Maryland State six per cent. stocks, the sum of three thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars forty-six cents.

I beg leave to state that there was no application by the Grand Lodge of Texas for the selection by the Grand Sire of a competent visiter to instruct in the correct work of the Order; whether the failure to make such an application was in consequence of the impoverished condition of the finances of that body, which under the resolve of this Grand Lodge was required to defray the expenses of such special visitation, or the obtaining of the required instruction from other sources, without the aid offered by the resolution, I am unable to determine; no selection for that purpose, however, was by me made.

I received under date of the 17th of November last, an official communication from Bro. Joseph R. Taylor, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, setting forth certain proceedings of that body relative to the adoption of a constitution at its

November session, and asking my official advice and instruction relative to the course he was to pursue. In the said communication he submitted three distinct propositions, viz: "first, should not the constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session have been before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, before amendments could be offered to the same, if any were required; second, that constitution not being before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, could another offered in lieu of it be legally adopted; third, must the constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session (if legally adopted) be immediately put in force as required by that constitution, or should it be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States before it can be enforced." As to the first proposition, I answered that the second resolution reported by the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the last session, declares that the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action in pursuance of article six, section one, of its constitution, &c. By this resolution it will be seen that the Grand Lodge of New York is directed at its November session to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same, &c. When so taken up at the November session it might have been amended, but not sooner.

As to the second, I answered that the said resolution of the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the United States directs that the form of constitution, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the said Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the Grand Lodge of New York, which Grand Lodge was directed, at its November session, to take it up and act upon the same. Subsequently the Committee on Constitutions, in their report upon the form of constitution referred to, recommended that certain portions of the same be stricken out, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by the adoption of the said report the portions of the said form of constitution referred to in the said report as objectionable, were stricken from the said form of constitution. If, then, the form of constitution, as referred by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York, was not taken up by the latter body at its November session, but a different one, the taking up of the latter form was without the authority of law, and if the same were adopted, its adoption is a nullity. To the third, I answered, that the proviso in the resolution referred to makes it necessary for the constitution, as adopted, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article ten of the by-laws of that body. If the

form of constitution which was referred to the Grand Lodge of New York were submitted to that Grand Lodge at its November session, and adopted with or without amendment, the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States is a pre-requisite to its going into operation. Although by a general resolution an amended constitution operates at once upon the body adopting it, and continues in force, subject only to the veto power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet in the case referred to, in which there has been legislation of a very special character, the phrase employed in the resolution, and the spirit pervading it, both point clearly to the positive necessity of having the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its becoming binding and operative.

In so answering, I requested that I should be considered as confining myself thus far to the abstract propositions submitted. This request I was induced to make in consequence of the distinctive shapes in which the respective inquiries were presented.

Inasmuch, however, as certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, were given in the communication referred to, I carefully examined them, and came to the conclusion that the said form of constitution, as referred by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York, had been taken up, amended and acted upon by the latter body, within the meaning of the resolution of the former Grand Lodge, directing the same. Thus impressed, on the 27th of the same month I addressed an official communication to the said Grand Master, apprising him of my opinion on the statement submitted, and reminding him of his duty to see that the said form, so amended, was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, pursuant to the tenth article of the by-laws of the latter body, and when so approved, it would be binding as the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but not before such approval was had.

From the very special legislation invoked in this case, it was apparent to my mind that the Grand Lodge of the United States intended that the said constitution, if adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, should be approved by the former body in order to its becoming operative. Differing in its origin, the means pointed out for its adoption, also in some respects in principle, and in a number of its broad features, from other State Lodge constitutions, it can hardly be supposed that it was amenable to the same construction of the said by-law. If the form as approved by this body after it was purged of some of its objectionable provisions, had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, there would have been no necessity for its second submission to the scrutiny of the power designated in the by-law. In that event the purpose of so submitting it would have been answered before its adoption, the Committee on Constitutions having put it in an acceptable shape. This, no doubt, was the view entertained by the Committee of Appeals, of the last session, when, in their report upon this interesting and perplexing subject, they said, "let the reported constitution (except so much as may be

stricken out by this Grand Lodge) be referred to the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, for consideration, and let the amending clause of the old constitution be restored as it stood before it was stricken out—further, let the old constitution be declared the organic law of the State until the November session. If, at that time, the proposed constitution be adopted, *of course* it will become the law of the Order, but if rejected, the old constitution will continue in force, giving them, however, an opportunity for its further amendment, according to its provisions.” If the view so expressed be correct, the adoption by the Grand Lodge of New York, of the form as sifted by this Grand Lodge, would have made that form immediately operative, because of the absence of all necessity to subject such an instrument to two examinations when one was adequate. But if not adopted, and the old constitution were continued in force, then “the opportunity for further amendment” would be allowed according to its provisions. The object of the by-law doubtless was to see that the constitutions of Grand Lodges should have nothing contained in them repugnant to rule and usage. That object being accomplished, the force of the by-law is spent upon that instrument, whether it has been applied as in this special case or in the usual mode, and it could scarcely be imagined that a document thus approved, and sent down to a State Grand Lodge, could be recognized as of the same efficiency if amended subsequently as if preserved in the shape in which it was sent from the higher power.

Yet, notwithstanding this supposed effect of the adoption of the specific thing by the Grand Lodge of New York, it was deemed advisable by the Grand Lodge of the United States to amend said resolution, (which was done with a unanimous vote,) by adding, “Provided, however, that the constitution, as adopted, be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article ten of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.”

The passage of this amendment was surely not without a purpose. It enforced, it seems to me, the necessity of a further reference of the said form of constitution, after its adoption by the Grand Lodge of New York, and made it imperative on the same to procure the approval contemplated by the by-law alluded to. If such approval were not a pre-requisite to its becoming operative, why was this express and peremptory order made? The by-law was in force, and the entire brotherhood was presumed to be acquainted with it, and yet it was deemed proper specially to fasten it upon the attention of the New York Grand Lodge. At this time the particular construction before referred to had been accepted, and yet, with the entire matter before the Grand Lodge—a matter which attracted the earnest and anxious attention, and elicited an animated discussion, and with a desire universally manifested clearly and distinctly to express the sense of that body to the authority in New York, there is no reference to the said construction, which, from its then recent adoption, was yet fresh in the recollection of the members thus engaged. If that construction of the said by-law had been meant to

apply to this case, it would surely have been so stated by the able Committee of Appeals, in their report; and if unintentionally omitted, the keen and active attention of this Grand Lodge, awake as it was to the importance of this matter, would have supplied the omission. The failure on the part of the said committee and this body both to refer in any manner to it, allows the conclusion that this case was not meant to be within its operation.

How far a view like this may have gone in assistance of the unanimous consent which was subsequently given to the chairman of the said Committee of Appeals to insert, after the word "reject," the words "or amend and adopt," it is impossible to determine; it cannot, however, be presumed, after that form of constitution had had certain offensive features extirpated by the skilful hands of the Committee on Constitutions, and been adopted by this body, that it would be allowable to submit the same to the Grand Lodge of New York, with power to change the same at pleasure, and thus make an entirely new and different instrument from that approved by this body in advance of the action of that State Grand Lodge upon it. I cannot believe that such a privilege was ever contemplated. It could not have been intended that the action of this Grand Lodge, after so much anxious deliberation upon the subject, could be so easily disposed of and set aside, and that, too, by an inferior power.

The entire directions of the resolution must be obeyed, and not such portions merely of the same as the lodge may see fit to follow. By the terms employed, the said form of constitution, if adopted, should be forwarded for the approval of this body; and this express direction, in my opinion, was as imperative as any other contained in the said resolution. Entertaining such sentiments upon this branch of this subject, I at once communicated them to the Grand Master of New York, who, in a becoming spirit, took such steps as his judgment suggested in the emergency which had arisen; one of which was the issuing of a proclamation to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge over which he presided, in conformity to my said official communication to him.

But from this decision it pleased some of the fraternity of New York to dissent.

Letter after letter was received by me in complaint of my opinion on the subject, and much argument was employed to shake me in the position I had taken, but discovering no reason why it should not be maintained, it was my duty to remain unmoved. Applications were then made to me by a number of brethren personally for the calling of a special session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and communications from a large number of the Subordinate Lodges in the State of New York followed, all urging the same as the only means of settling the question in a satisfactory way, and of saving the Order in that jurisdiction from further discord, distraction and ruin. To these appeals to my sound discretion, it was but proper that I should give, as I did, the most deliberate attention. The power of calling a special session has never yet been exercised by a

Grand Sire, although it is clearly within his reach, and should be used with no little caution; still if an emergency demanding it should arise, there should be no hesitancy in exercising it—that emergency had not presented itself. It is true there was discord in a State jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction a large one, still there can be no difference, in the estimation of the Grand Sire, between a large and a small jurisdiction. State Grand Lodges are protected and guarded with the same care, whether some have over and others less than a hundred subordinates, and if to avert threatened distraction in a large State a special session of this body should be called, it should also be called if a small State were similarly disturbed. Besides this objection, I could not be induced to think that in the event of such a call in midwinter, that the representatives would fully respond, and if willing to respond, it was far from apparent to me that I would be justified in making it at that time.

But, aside from these considerations, there was another, which was not without its due weight.

By the fourth article of the constitution of this body it is declared that “during the recess of this Grand Lodge, he (the Grand Sire) shall have a general superintendence over the interests of the Order.” He is also required “to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge without respect to lodges or individuals,” and to “make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings in relation thereto.” Under the authority thus given he is doubtless expected and bound in his official capacity to meet such questions as may be presented with such lights in the construction of usages or written laws as are afforded by precedents already set, and that reason which results from a careful and thorough examination of the subject submitted to his investigation and decision. He should not shrink from any responsibility imposed upon the office to which he has been elevated, but should be ready to meet it at any personal cost and risk to himself, taking care at all times to be influenced by no motive save such as should be conscientiously indulged. Any effort or attempt to evade that responsibility where it should, in the regular operation of the rules of our institution, devolve upon that officer, and by temporizing to escape from a position where some offence might be given, is unworthy such an incumbent, and would deservedly invite the severest criticism and animadversion. Believing the power of deciding the question to be vested in the office which I have the honor of filling, and confident that its exercise was expected at my hands, I determined to yield to the dictates of my judgment, and to continue the investigation without any effort on my part to reassemble this Grand Lodge in special session. Convinced, however, as I was, that the view I entertained of the law of the case was correct, I nevertheless, in a sincere desire to adjust the entire controversy in as effectual a manner as it could be accomplished, and entertaining for my own opinion, although maturely formed after the most thorough and deliberate examination of the subject, no tenacity that should not yield to the force of additional and more enlightened argument, I deter-

mined to call to my assistance such aid as might remove any misimpression I might have received, and guide me to a sound conclusion in case I had erred. Although unwilling to resile from any legitimate duty yet I was not disposed to refuse such helps as I could invite in its discharge. Feeling upon this subject an anxiety of no ordinary character, and cherishing the hope that it could be settled and disposed of in consonance with that justice which should ever be our admiration and an unshakable bond of union alike, I resolved upon the issuing of a commission for the purpose of ascertaining the whole facts in the case, and to report to me the same as well as the law that was applicable to them.

This resort, calculated, as I believed it to be, to show my extreme and sincere solicitude to investigate the matter as fully as it could possibly be done, and thereby to attract and ensure an unmurmuring acquiescence on the part of the entire brotherhood in immediate interest in the decision which might thus result, at the same time presented to my mind the most active and efficient means that could be devised of grasping that matter in its admitted entirety.

Regarding, as I was permitted to do, a commission as the most convenient and safe means of answering the ends referred to, and relying upon the sense of duty of my brethren in New York, whose first lesson in Odd-Fellowship was obedience to the constituted authorities in our institution, whose intelligence I had every reason to think would enable them to see that a spirit of insubordination should not be indulged and could not be allowed, and whose patience under any supposed wrongs would cause them rather to bear the ills they felt than fly to others which would, if unchecked, involve themselves and our brotherhood generally in one common ruin, I selected for the commission five enlightened, distinguished and discriminating brethren, resident not distant from the State of New York, for the purposes to which I have referred. In doing so, I had no inclination, nor had I the constitutional power, to send the matter of their inquiry to their decision. They were to report the facts as they might be unfolded and the law they believed to be applicable to them, the ultimate decision, with its responsibility, was to continue with the Grand Sire, where it rested under the constitution. They were to interfere with no right enjoyed by the parties in dispute but only to assist in its ascertainment in order that it might be fully, authoritatively and effectively asserted.

The appointment of a commission, in my judgment, is not incompatible with any constitutional provision, nor is it forbidden by any known usage or rule, but, on the contrary, has been recognized by this Grand Lodge, at its session of 1845. At that session the then Grand Sire, in his annual report, says, "for the purpose of adjusting and settling the accounts of District Deputy Grand Sire Churchill with this Grand Lodge, I issued a commission, appointing Grand Master Pratt and Grand Representative Smith, of Maine, commissioners for that purpose. Their report will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary." The said report was so laid before the Grand

Lodge, referred to the Committee of Finance, and the entire subject disposed of subsequently, without any objection from any source, to the exercise of such a power by the Grand Sire.

The brethren whom I had the honor of selecting for this delicate and laborious duty, with a promptitude worthy of all commendation, repaired to the city of New York, and organized on the 17th of January last, for the performance of the trust with which they were charged.

In the discharge of the objects of their meeting, the commissioners were much delayed and embarrassed by the extraordinary position which it pleased the then Grand Secretary to assume. Grasping a prerogative which, in no view of the power of such an officer, could be exercised by him, he asserted the adoption of "a new constitution" by the Grand Lodge of New York, and urged that the commissioners claimed an authority to which they never pretended, and with which, he must have been aware, if he had read a copy of the commission of which he acknowledged he had been put in possession, they had never been charged. True to his fixed notions of his own duty, that officer withheld from the commissioners whatever information he possessed, when he must have known that his exhibition of the books, papers, &c. in his official custody would have much facilitated their labors. By reason of the necessity thus imposed upon them, they were obliged, in the fulfilment of the purposes of their assembling, to seek evidence from other sources, and in doing so, whatever information was within the reach of the Grand Master was promptly afforded by that officer, whose testimony, with that of a number of other members of that Grand Lodge, was taken and reduced to writing, and with the same and such documentary evidence as was discovered and produced, the commissioners were enabled to carry on their labors and conduct them to a conclusion, after several days of unbroken attention and intense application.

On the 9th of March last, after having given to the matter submitted to their investigation, the most elaborate and anxious examination and deliberate consideration, the said commissioners made their return, and gave explicit and categorical answers to the questions that were propounded to them. In answer to one of the inquiries they expressed their unanimous opinion that the form of constitution acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York, at November session, 1847, was not the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States; but, on the contrary, they are of opinion that the document passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States was not before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, even without the sanction of authentication.

Submitting the said report to the test of my own examination, with a deliberation consistent with the important developments it contained, I found the result set forth in it supported by the facts detailed

therein, and the argument based upon these facts of the most logical and conclusive character. It was obvious that the form of constitution specially referred to in the resolution of this body, and directed to be taken up and acted upon at a specified time by the Grand Lodge of New York, had not been before that Grand Lodge, but something else was substituted in its stead. The peremptory resolution had not been complied with, but had been utterly neglected, and a labored effort had been made to set the record right, although the facts which that record purported to embody had never occurred.

In this view, the course prescribed for me was plain, and could not be mistaken. The Grand Sire is bound "to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, without respect to lodges or individuals." The resolution reported by the Committee of Appeals had become a law of this body, and it was imperative upon me to enforce it. The New York Grand Lodge was directed to take up a particular form of constitution at a given session—at that session it failed to do so. The time for doing so having passed with the November session, it was gone, and could not be revived but with the consent of this body. Disobeying the obvious and intelligible provisions of that law, no benefit could be claimed by those in contempt. The Grand Lodge of New York was composed of a large number of members, but that fact afforded no reason why she should not comply with the peremptory directions of a superior authority. Her subordinates gladdened almost every village within her wide spread jurisdiction, and, other considerations aside, she was respectable from her age in the Order; but these evidences of prosperity and memorials of the enterprise of those who, in earlier years, had lent their most active endeavors to the promulgation of the virtues of our institution, only served as additional incentives to that official action on my part which looked to the enforcement of law in the most prompt and effective way, irrespective of the number of Subordinate "Lodges" which recognized her control, or the "individuals" whose wisdom and zeal may have contributed to the strengthening of the bonds of our fraternity in that State, and whose knowledge of the general effects of insubordination I could not but believe would hold them to their known duty, even if all other considerations should fail. Acquiescing in the conclusion of the commissioners upon the inquiry, whether the said form of constitution had been taken up and acted upon according to the provisions of the law referred to, it became altogether unnecessary for me to look into the answers to the other inquiries.

Fixed in my own conclusion upon this subject, under a high and unyielding sense of duty, on the 28th of March last, I announced to Bro. Joseph R. Taylor, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, that in as much as the peremptory directions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in reference to the said form of constitution, had been by the Grand Lodge of New York entirely disobeyed, it devolved upon me to officially inform him that the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was in force

prior to August, 1846, was still the fundamental law of that body. In this decision, that officer, in a spirit comporting with his manifold obligations to our institution, yielded a prompt and full acquiescence, and with an energy worthy the most triumphant success, toiled to uphold the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as exercised by the Grand Sire in the recess, under the constitution of that supreme tribunal in Odd-Fellowship.

But notwithstanding his incessant and untiring assiduity in this behalf, the spirit of discontent and dissatisfaction, which had been aroused, instead of being subdued, was increased. Many of the brethren who were disaffected by the decision of the Grand Sire, instead of submitting to his authority for a time, in the sure belief which they, in common with the brotherhood at large, can indulge, that if any errors are committed by that functionary in the recess, they can and invariably will be corrected by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, so soon as his "acts and doings" are subjected to scrutiny and consideration, boldly ventured upon the assumption that their adversary position was in consonance with law, set the authority of that officer at defiance, and rushing to a ground which never previously had been occupied, denied his power to interfere or direct in the premises.

In this extremity, the Grand Lodge of New York, alive to the necessity of vigorous measures to vindicate the assailed law and the authority by which it was interpreted and attempted to be enforced, promptly asserted her power, and by the relieving operation of her penal code, continued in an attitude of respect and obedience to the constituted authority of our institution.

In the mean time some of those who denied the right of the Grand Sire to act in the matter, asserted that the form of constitution referred to in the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, and should at once go into operation. In the maintenance of such extraordinary and mistaken views, they organized themselves into forms and shapes unknown to the usages and rules of our institution, and still continue their distinctive organizations in open hostility to, and defiance of the authority of the Grand Lodge of New York, and that by which she has been sustained.

The Grand Encampment of New York has also been subjected to a severe trial. The disaffection which shook the Grand Lodge of New York was extended to the patriarchal condition of our institution in that State. But the steadfast determination of the Grand Patriarch of that body, who was energetically assisted by the Grand Scribe, saved that encampment from disruption and ruin, and, at the same time, vindicated the authority of her constitution and laws.

It is unnecessary to repeat that the subject matter of which I have just treated has commanded from me and received much anxious thought, and the most thorough and deliberate investigation and consideration, and I now submit my "acts and doings" in reference to the same, to that wisdom, discretion and power which can and surely

will detect and rectify error if it has been committed, and maintain at all hazards the dignity, the authority and the integrity of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The return of the Commission is hereunto annexed and respectfully made part of this report.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

I have the honor to be yours,

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

To HORN R. KNEASS, *M. W. G. Sire*

of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States.

The undersigned, appointed by your commission to them directed, dated December 29, 1847, a copy of which is annexed, respectfully report:

That in discharge of the duty assigned to them, they assembled in the city of New York, on the 17th January, 1848, and organized at their chamber in the American House, by the appointment of Howell Hopkins as President, and Wm. R. Smith as Secretary, *pro tem.*; whereupon, they proceeded without delay to execute the commission with which they were charged: for a detailed account of which they refer to Document A, accompanying this report, which they ask to be taken and considered as a part of the same.

Upon a review of Document A, the Grand Sire will perceive that the first step taken by the undersigned in the investigation submitted to them, in conformity with the special directions of the commission, was "to inquire into the details of the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, in relation to the form of constitution alleged to have been submitted to that body; also, whether the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and authenticated by the officers of the same, was formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, and if so submitted, whether the said form of constitution was amended and adopted in conformity to the directions of the Grand Lodge of the United States." In order to a proper investigation of this inquiry application was made to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the State for authenticated copies of the manuscript journal of November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, touching the action of that body upon the so-called new constitution. The answer of Grand Master Taylor and the note of Grand Secretary Treadwell to this application, copies of which form a part of the accompanying Document A, will put the Grand Sire in possession of the respective views of duty and subordination entertained by those officers; of the grounds upon which the Commission was denied access to the manuscript records of the November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of New York, and of the reasons which compelled that body to the necessity of consulting such other sources of information as in their judgment would afford the next best evidence upon the subject to be investigated. Accordingly the Com-

mission proceeded to consider the printed journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, and to hear parole testimony concerning the legislative history of the constitution, alleged to have been adopted by that body, the detail of which appears in accompanying Document A, and to which the Grand Sire is respectfully referred.

In support of the conclusion to which the undersigned have arrived upon the first inquiry submitted by the Grand Sire, they propose to confine themselves exclusively, for the present, to the printed journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, without reference to the parole testimony admitted. This course is adopted, first, because one of the parties to the controversy in New York decided to be absent from the sittings of the Commission after due notice, having thus waived the right of objection to such testimony upon the ground of its *ex parte* character, yet the fact of such absence, although voluntary, influenced the Commission not to rely upon the parole evidence in their report. Secondly, because, as it will appear from the accompanying Document A, the necessity which led to the admission of parole testimony having been removed by the production of the manuscript journal of the proceedings in question, the undersigned are bound alike by the plain rules of evidence and propriety to confine themselves to the journals, printed and manuscript, both of which are herewith submitted. The parole testimony is presented, therefore, simply as a proceeding of the Commission rendered necessary at the time and by the circumstances in which they were placed. Upon a comparison of the manuscript with the printed journal it will be found that the two agree in the narrative of the proceeding, from page 268 to 281 of the latter. At this point a sheet of the manuscript is missing, embracing the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, and the reference to the appended constitution. From page 302, printed journal, the manuscript is complete to the end of the session, to which, in the sequel, the undersigned propose to invite the attention of the Grand Sire, as exhibiting a state of facts in relation to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, which cannot fail to solve the question as to the true organic law of the State, independently of all other questions.

In submitting their opinion upon the enquiry under consideration, the undersigned present the printed and manuscript journal of the Grand Lodge of New York, as "the detail of the action of that body at its November session, 1847, and from these documents reach the conclusion unanimously, that the form of constitution acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York, at November session, 1847, was not the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States;" but on the contrary, they are of opinion, that the document passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States was not before the Grand

Lodge of the State of New York, even without the sanction of authentication.

It is deemed unnecessary to enter into any argument to shew that no form of constitution authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States was ever before the Grand Lodge of New York, since the document upon the printed record of the proceedings of that body makes no pretension to official authenticity—no part of the journal exhibits such evidence, and the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle, introducing the document, qualifies it, *as an amended form* of that which was passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States. It could not, therefore, if an amended form of the instrument as it came from the hands of the Committee on Constitutions, by possibility have been authenticated as a copy of such instrument. Dismissing, therefore, all claim to authenticity on the part of the constitution accompanying the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle, the undersigned propose to examine the subject in the aspect usually given to it, to wit: whether, if not presented as the authenticated form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the document considered, acted upon and alleged to have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York was *substantially* the same, and sufficiently conformed to the law of the case, to relieve it from objections arising out of material irregularities in the procedure. This view of the subject appears to the undersigned worthy the consideration of the Grand Sire, for although it may be conceded, that the formal authentication of a document conferring special powers is an important requisite in courts of law, yet we are free to say, that the mere absence of such authentication ought not to operate to overthrow the legislation of a State Grand Lodge upon so important a subject as organic law, provided such legislation conformed *substantially*, and in good faith to the law of the case under which it was exercised. The tribunals in Odd-Fellowship should the rather decide "*ex equo et bono*" than by the strict rule and principles of the law.

In looking at the question presented in this aspect, it will be necessary, desirous as the undersigned are to condense this report, even at the risk of prolixity to refer to the history of the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises, that a just conception may be had of the position occupied by the Grand Lodge of New York and its true relation to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the matter of amending its constitutional law. The able report of the Committee on Appeals with the accompanying resolutions, and the report of the Committee on Constitutions, as respectively adopted by the supreme body, comprehend the entire law of the case: the resolutions of the former are in the following words:

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, is now the fundamental law of the said Grand Lodge; and that article six, section one, of the said constitution, which was stricken out, be and hereby is restored and declared in full force and effect, except so far as is reserved in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York; and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action in pursuance of article six, section one, of its constitution; provided, however, that the constitution as adopted be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article ten of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The form of constitution referred to in the second resolution, as above set forth, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions for examination; that committee reported at length, page 512 journal, vol. 2, recognizing the form so submitted to them as free from objection, except in certain particulars, which they directed to be stricken out as in contravention of the laws of the Order. In this report, the Grand Lodge concurred. It will thus appear that the Grand Lodge of New York at the opening of its November session, 1847, was governed by a particular code of laws, to wit: the constitution in force prior to August, 1846, with article six, section one, restored—the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Appeals and the report of the Committee on Constitutions. What privileges and powers do these laws confer upon the Grand Lodge of New York? They relieve that body from the disability under which it was laboring in relation to the alteration and amendment of its constitution; they give permission to it to consider a certain form of constitution, to wit, that reported by the convention—this permission is *ipsiissima verba* confined to the constitution passed upon by the Committee on Constitutions after critical examination and modification—when *that* instrument was submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, power was conferred to amend it, or without amendment to adopt it, or wholly to reject it—here the privileges conferred, and powers delegated ended—hence it will be perfectly obvious that the permission granted, could not be exercised without the observance of the terms and restraints required by the pre-existing laws. The enquiry now arises, whether this form of constitution, which the superintending power in the legislation above detailed, gave authority to the Grand Lodge of New York to consider and act upon in the manner therein indicated, was taken up and acted upon by that body. The record of proceedings of November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of New York, exhibits the following facts: an abstract from the journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, properly authenticated, detailing the legislation of that body in the premises, and reciting the powers conferred, as contained in the reports of the Committees on Appeals and Constitutions respectively, was read; whereupon a resolution is offered with a constitution appended, as recorded at page 281, printed journal. It is not pretended that the form of constitution so appended to, and introduced by the resolution of Rep. Dwinnello, is *identical* with that prescribed by the pre-existing laws, and specially spoken of in the abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of

the United States, as read by the secretary to the body, then in the act of legislating; on the contrary, as has before been already urged, the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle itself concedes the want of identity in qualifying the appended document as an amended form of the constitution, passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and invokes its adoption as thus amended. If not identical, then was the dissimilitude which existed a material departure from the particular form authorized to be considered, by the introduction of "new and original matter, at variance with the law of the particular case, or the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the Digest." The undersigned unanimously concur in the opinion that the amendments engrafted upon the form directed to be considered and acted upon, numerous and multifarious as they appear in the instrument now alleged to be the new constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, have given to it a character wholly foreign to the powers conferred, in express contravention of the law of the particular case, and in palpable conflict with the general laws, as they are uniformly acknowledged and contained in the Digest. It is not the design of the commission to consider the many additions or omissions which appear in the so-called new constitution, by which it is readily distinguished from the form passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States—the two forms are herewith presented, that the Grand Sire may make the comparison for himself. It is proposed only to invite your attention to one or two points of dissimilitude between the two of so striking a character as, in our judgment, to prove fatal to the suggestion, that the particular form of constitution, if not *literally*, was *substantially* before the Grand Lodge of New York, and thus by that body considered and adopted. The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the convention constitution for examination, appear to have critically reviewed that instrument, and to have purged it of provisions which were highly objectionable; provisions which claimed for the Grand Lodge of New York powers which exclusively resided in the Grand Lodge of the United States: these objectionable features were contained in section four, article two, in which power was given to the District Grand Committees to sit in the initiatory degree for the purpose of hearing appeals; also, in section five, article 2, conferring power upon the Grand Committee to impart the Grand Lodge degree, which the Committee on Constitutions directed to be stricken out. This report of the Committee on Constitutions was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and forms a part of the law of the particular case: yet, in the face of restraints thus imposed, and recited in the very grant of power under which the Grand Lodge of New York alone could act, the Grand Sire will find that the instrument considered and acted upon by that body contains a provision conferring upon Grand Committees the power to assemble in the *P. N. G.'s* degree.—*Art. 11, Sec. 4.* May a State Grand Lodge thus interfere, ad libitum, with the exclusive power which belongs to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to regulate the work of the Order, by

shifting and diverting the degrees of the Order from the appropriate spheres which the supreme body has assigned to them? nay, may it delegate such power to a subordinate committee? Yet such a feature is contained in the instrument said to be *substantially* the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Again, article one, section four, of the instrument under consideration, provides that a member of the Grand Lodge may be expelled from *his seat in the Grand Lodge* by the Grand Committee. The power of expelling a member from a Grand Lodge, according to the known laws of the Order, resides in the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, and in the Grand Lodge itself alone: in the former by reason of the fact that expulsion from the Order operates also as expulsion from a seat in the Grand Lodge, if the subject be a member of that body: in the latter by virtue of the law of the Digest, which declares "*that a Grand Lodge has power to expel a member from its own body.*"—Page 47, Sec. 9.

Again, in article six, section one: The Grand Master may be summarily removed from office, without trial, by a majority of votes present, "*upon refusal to put the question on an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge.*" If this provision be not at variance with written law, it is clearly against first principles, as recognized throughout every grade of the Order, and subversive of that immunity which the law in its benignity throws around every brother from the moment of his initiation for his protection against oppression. In Odd-Fellowship, in so far as the undersigned are informed, the rule is universal, that charge and specification and trial must precede degradation from office or membership. These provisions are selected from the various new matter which has been added to the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which essentially vary the character of the instrument. Can there, therefore, be a reasonable doubt of the absence of that approximate sameness between the two forms of constitution under consideration, which is necessary at least to preserve a verisimilitude between them? To the undersigned it is quite obvious that the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States was not considered by the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847; but, per contra, that an essentially altered and amended instrument was matured, as the independent and individual act of its authors, and thus submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York. It was, therefore, as distinctive a paper as if it were wholly original, and had not contained a single feature of the special form directed to be considered.

The next inquiry presented in the commission is in the following words: "whether the said form of constitution contains any new matter, at variance with the law of the particular case, or the general laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the Digest?" This question has been unavoidably anticipated in the reference which has been made to the virtual re-insertion in the constitution alleged to have been adopted, of the provision which

authorizes the Grand Committees to meet in the P. N. G's degree, being *substantially* matter stricken out by the Committee on Constitutions; also by the reference to the power of expelling members of the Grand Lodge from their seats, conferred upon Grand Committees, and of deposing the Grand Master by a majority vote, without the form of trial.

Upon the subject of the enquiry submitted, "whether the form of constitution is in force (supposing it to be in all other respects in conformity to law) provisionally under the general law of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and whether, embracing and comprehending new and original matter, other than such as was imbodyed in the form authorized, it is not requisite to be submitted again to the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its being operative;" the undersigned express the opinion, that if the form of constitution which the supreme body, through its appropriate committees, had perfected and permitted the Grand Lodge of New York to act upon, had been taken up and acted upon, and amended and adopted, or adopted without amendment, that it would have been provisionally in force, under the general law of the last session, there being nothing in the report of the Committee on Appeals to make this an excepted case, and nothing in the introduction of new and original matter, *per se*, which would have vitiated the proceeding, unless such matter, as in the case under consideration, was clearly at variance with the law of the particular case, or the general laws of the Order as contained in the Digest.

Having thus, with as much brevity as the nature of the subject admitted of, reported upon the several enquiries directed to be made by the Commission, the undersigned beg now to invite the attention of the Grand Sire to the history of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, as developed in the manuscript journal of that body of November session, 1847, and as compared with the printed record.

By reference to the printed journal, page 304,*the following record will be found:

"The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the resolution and constitution, *being an amendment to the convention constitution*, as submitted by G. Rep. Dwinnelle, of No. 226, on yesterday, it being the special order for this morning."

The words in italics are an interlineation of the manuscript. See manuscript sheet 21.

Same page printed journal—"Whereupon the Grand Secretary proceeded to read the resolution and constitution *as proposed to be amended.*"

The words in italics are an interlineation of the manuscript. See sheet 21.

Page 307, printed journal—"Whereupon G. Rep. Dwinnelle called for the previous question, [*on his resolution and amendments to the convention constitution.*"]

*These references are to the Journal of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The words in brackets are an addition to the manuscript. See sheet 25.

Page 312, being the record of the final vote:

Printed Journal, page 312.

The resolution and the convention constitution, *as amended*, were therefore *declared* to be adopted, two-thirds of the votes by Representative of Lodges present having voted in favor thereof.

Manuscript sheet 30.

The resolution and the *amendments* to the convention constitution were therefore adopted, two-thirds of the votes by Lodges having voted in favor thereof.

Page 314, Printed Journal.

Grand Representative Dwinnelle, of No. 226, moved that the vote taken this day on his resolution, *and the convention constitution as amended*, be reconsidered, which motion did not prevail.

Manuscript sheet 32.

Grand Representative Dwinnelle, of No. 226, moved that the vote taken this day on his resolution, *and amendments to the convention constitution*, be reconsidered, which motion did not prevail.

The Grand Sire will perceive the striking discrepancies which here exist between the manuscript and the printed copy of the journal of November session, 1847. It is not for the undersigned to determine which of the two exhibits a truthful record of the procedure; but if the manuscript be regarded as possessing the higher sanction of law, being the original, of which the print *should be* a literal copy, then, even supposing the form of constitution considered by the Grand Lodge of New York to have been in all respects in strict conformity to the law of the case, duly and formally submitted to that body and acted upon, it does not appear from the manuscript journal that such constitution has yet been finally adopted; the final vote taken was upon the amendments proposed to the constitution, according to the manuscript, and *not upon the constitution as amended*, which latter was the only proper and legitimate final vote. It is true the printed journal records the fact, that the final vote was upon the constitution as amended; but the manuscript, supported by the parole testimony, speaks the reverse.

The Grand Sire, in view of the posture of affairs in the jurisdiction of New York, and the facts as the undersigned have exhibited them, requests the opinion of the Commission upon the law applicable to the same—they therefore have ventured an opinion upon so important a subject, though with diffidence and distrust of their ability to rise to the level of the questions involved.

It has occurred to the undersigned, that the error of the arguments employed in vindication of the so-called new constitution consists first, in an entire misconception of the structure and form of government of the Order, in the consequent assumption of powers, as belonging to the Grand Lodge of New York in the premises, which are not legitimate, and in the denial to the Grand Sire of clear constitutional prerogatives, which are inseparable from his office and the due administration of the laws of the body over which he presides. The undersigned propose to offer very briefly, their views upon these several points, in concluding their opinion of the law applicable to the case.

The form of government of this Republic is frequently held up to view as the mould in which the structure of Odd-Fellowship has been cast, and the relation which the members of these United States bear towards the Federal Government is assumed as the true relation of the local Grand Lodges to the Grand Lodge of the United States. A very cursory examination of the government of our Order will readily dissipate such an opinion. In our political institutions power is inherent and original with the people, who have delegated a certain portion of the same to the Federal Government as embodied in the constitution of the United States, and have reserved to themselves, in the character of sovereign States, all power not positively thus delegated or necessarily implied. The Federal Government may only legitimately exercise the powers granted in the constitution, and any attempt to interfere with the powers reserved by the States for their local and independent government is in violation of the compact, and may of right be resisted. Assuming this theory of government as applicable to Odd-Fellowship, the widest range of argument is indulged in in vindication of the powers and rights of State Grand Lodges. In truth, there is no perfect analogy between the two forms of government, nor indeed, between the form of government of our Order and any other system of government on earth,—the government of Odd-Fellowship is emphatically one *sui generis*. The States in our political system are the original sources of the political power. The general government exists by virtue of delegated grants from them,—they are each sovereign within themselves, restrained only by a constitution, which they as integral members of the union themselves created, the supremacy of which all acknowledge, and which, by their own assent, imposes limits to the legislation of each, which none may claim a right to pass. These checks are few in number and well defined; but how is it in the government of Odd-Fellowship:—we find first, all power resident in Washington Lodge, No. 1, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America,—this surrendered to another body styled “the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States,” from which body the original depository of power accepts a *charter as a subordinate* to it. This Grand Body, in turn, surrenders its powers thus derived from the fountain head, to the present Grand Lodge of the United States, from which it also in turn receives a *subordinate charter*. The Grand Lodge of the United States, thus constituted, avows itself “to be the fountain of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship, with exclusive power to *create Grand and Subordinate Lodges* in any part of the world, *delegating to such bodies* so MUCH OF ITS AUTHORITY AS IT MAY DEEM PROPER.”—*Digest, page 5, Art. 1, Sec. 2—4.*

From this body each State Grand Lodge has received a charter, which contains *the delegation of so much of its authority as it has thought proper to grant*, as follows: “to hear and determine all and singular matters and things, relating to the Order within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, according to the rules and regula-

tions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. *Provided always, that the said Grand Lodge pays due respect to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the ordinances thereof.*"

In the one case, the charter of the Federal Government is derived from the State sovereignties; in the other, the charter of the State Grand Lodge is derived from and defined by the Grand Lodge of the United States. State legislatures may pass laws, regardless of rules of order; they are *in their sphere* omnipotent—*no power can search their records, except to see whether a form imposed by the constitution has been complied with*, and only their own courts may do this, themselves a part of the same sovereignty. The government of the United States cannot examine their local proceedings; the courts of the United States cannot interfere with their domestic policy—while, on the other hand, State Grand Lodges, as chartered bodies, are subject to constant supervision, and their acts and records may at all times be scrutinized by the supreme power—in nothing are they independent, even their own subordinates may appeal for redress of grievance beyond them, to the higher tribunal; they can do nothing beyond the limits of their charters, except by permission implied or express of their creator—no law which they may attempt to pass, in violation of their charter, or the fundamental principles of the Order can operate. It is perfectly clear that while there is similitude in the general features of the government of Odd-Fellowship with our political confederation, there is no perfect analogy, and the sources of power in the two are diametrically opposite. With this marked distinction between the two forms of government, it will be apparent that the power of State Grand Lodges to make constitutions is derivative from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and not original with themselves. If the Grand Lodge of New York had legislated upon the subject of its constitution, in the exercise of original power resident in itself, the argument as to the rights and position of that body, in view of the interference of the Grand Sire, might be justified; but existing wholly as a subordinate body, and acting in the particular case under special authority from the parent body, it is not competent to invoke analogy between the government of Odd-Fellowship and our political institutions to wrest from the superior power its own peculiar constitutional functions; but it may be said, that whilst this theory may be sound in contemplation of the Grand Lodge of the United States itself, it does not authorize the Grand Sire in the recess, to assume functions which belong to the body only, over which he presides. The ready answer to such doctrine will be found in the constitution and the obligations of office imposed upon the Grand Sire—that officer is required, "during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to exercise a general superintendence over the interests of the Order," (*Cons. Art. 2.*) "to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, without respect to lodges or individuals." "*O. B. N.*" of *Grand Sire*—"to make a report at every stated meeting, of his acts and doings in office."—*Cons. Art. 3.* Hence, a very respectable

portion of the laws of the Order, now embodied in the form of a Digest, has for its authority the opinion of the Grand Sire pronounced during the recess, and ratified by the Grand Lodge at the ensuing session, when reported by that officer as "*his acts and doings*"—these opinions have been given by all your predecessors, and have always been provisionally binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States; a case has yet to arise in the Order, in which obedience has been withheld from the decision of the Grand Sire upon any question of law which may have been submitted to him in the recess. An appeal of course must ever be allowed from his decision, but pending which appeal it must be respected. The question of the true organic law in the State of New York, the Grand Sire is perfectly competent to decide: if a new constitution exists, *it can exist alone by virtue of and in conformity to the law of the last session, enacted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.* In the opinion of the undersigned, it is not only your prerogative but your duty to see whether the requisitions of that law have been complied with, since all the power designed to be granted, is dependent upon a strict observance of the forms of the enactment. Before the Grand Lodge of the United States, if in session, could properly confirm the new constitution alleged to have been adopted in New York, its Committee on Constitutions must inquire whether the forms of law have been complied with: if they had been neglected, the instrument would not be respected: if during the recess the Grand Sire is officially advised that the forms of legislation have been trampled upon, he is bound to annul the proceeding; he may call to his aid at any time, the advice and counsel of any of his brethren, and, although he may not delegate any of his powers, or shift his responsibility, may solicit for his judgment the aid of such deliberation, as the experience of others may impart.

Such are the views of the Commission upon the law applicable to the case under consideration, and in concluding this report we beg to say, that in the trying circumstances in which our beloved Order in New York is placed, we trust to the intelligence of that brotherhood and its devotion to the unity of our great and glorious federation, for obedience to the decision of the Executive of the Order in the United States, whatever that decision may be: in the full conviction that the superior tribunal will assuredly set it aside if founded in error, and that to the temporary interruption of their supposed rights, a cheerful submission will be yielded, as an earnest of their sincere attachment to the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
WM. R. SMITH,
E. M. P. WELLS.

March 9, 1848.

DOCUMENT A.

*Accompanying Report of the Commission appointed by Grand Sire
HORN R. KNEASS.*

AMERICAN HOTEL, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
January 17, 1848. }

The undersigned assembled this day, at New York, to wit, Howell Hopkins, James L. Ridgely, Zenas B. Glazier, W. R. Smith and E. M. P. Wells, when the following paper was submitted:

I. O. O. F.

Office of the Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, }
Philadelphia, December 29th, 1847. }

The Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge
of the I. O. of O. F. of the United States,

To Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; James L. Ridgely, of Maryland; Zenas B. Glazier, of Delaware; William R. Smith, of Maine; E. M. P. Wells, of Massachusetts—Sends Greeting:

KNOW YE, That in confidence of your prudence, zeal, fidelity and ability, I have appointed you, and by these presents do give unto you full power and authority to inquire into the details of the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session of 1847, in relation to the form of constitution alleged to have been submitted to that body; also, whether the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and authenticated by the officers of the same, was formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, and if so submitted, whether the said form of constitution was amended and adopted in conformity to the direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and contains any new matter, at variance with the law of the particular case, or the general law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the "Digest," and whether the said form of constitution is in force (supposing it to be, in all other respects, in conformity to law) provisionally under the general law passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States; or whether, embracing and comprehending entirely new and original matter, other than such as was embodied in the form authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is not requisite that it should be submitted again to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, anterior to its becoming operative, upon the ground that it is confined, in all its bearings, to the special enactment made for it, without reference to the general law referred to, and to report fully and at large to me, at your earliest convenience, the facts as they may be exhibited to you, together with your opinion as to the law applicable to the same.

For the purposes hereinbefore set forth, I hereby respectfully request that you will assemble together, at the city of New York, on the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1848.

Given under my hand,

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

Whereupon, on motion, P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins was called to the chair as President of the Board, and P. G. Rep. William R. Smith requested to act as Secretary pro tem.

On motion, P. G. Benjamin J. Pentz was appointed Secretary of the Board.

The President reported to the Commission that he had, upon the receipt of his appointment from the Grand Sire, transmitted the following communication to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the State of New York:

Dear Sir:—Enclosed is a copy of a Commission this day issued by the Grand Sire, in reference to the matters in your State. You will perceive that the members appointed on the Commission are directed to assemble in the city of New York on the 17th January, 1848. I give you this early notice in order that all may be in readiness at that time. I have no doubt that the several members of the Commission will be in attendance at the time appointed.

Yours in bond, F., L. and T.

H. HOPKINS.

To JOS. R. TAYLOR, G. M., and JOHN G. TREADWELL, G. S.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30, 1847.

On motion, voted that the Commission meet daily at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Hall of the Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the record of the doings of the Commission be read for approval previous to each adjournment.

Ordered, That the meetings of the Commission shall be with closed doors, except when otherwise ordered, but all the testimony, discussions and arguments before the Board shall be in public.

On motion of Commissioner Ridgely,

Resolved, That while the fullest opportunity shall be allowed to the brotherhood to witness the proceedings of this body, it is, nevertheless, their unanimous wish that no publicity through the press shall be given to the same.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock.

(Signed,)

WM. R. SMITH, *Sec. pro tem.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
12 o'clock, M., January 17, 1848. }

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—P. G. Sire Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Wells, and Smith.

P. G. Benj. J. Pentz acting as Secretary.

On motion of Commissioner Smith, the following order was adopted:

Ordered, That a communication be addressed by the President of this Board to the Grand Lodge of New York, through the Grand Master and Grand Secretary thereof, informing that body that Commissioners appointed by the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to examine into certain facts in relation to the controversy now existing within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of New York, touching the constitution of that body, are now in session, and ready to receive such testimony and hear such arguments as may be submitted to them, and that all interested in the matter under investigation, are requested to appear, by counsel or otherwise, and be heard.

On motion of Commissioner Ridgely, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York be, and they are hereby requested to put the members of this Commission in possession of authenticated copies of the manuscript journal of the Grand Lodge of New York, touching the adoption of a constitution by that body,

at its November session, 1847; to which end the Secretary be, and he is directed to correspond with said officers.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, *Secretary*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
Tuesday, 11 A. M., January 18, 1848. }

Present—Commissioners Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Smith and Wells. B. J. Pentz, Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In reply to the communications addressed yesterday to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the following were received, to wit, from the Grand Master:

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., President of the Commission appointed by the Grand Sire, Grand Lodge United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I yesterday received a copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners, directed to me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, informing me that the Commission was in session, and ready to receive any testimony relative to the existing difficulties in this jurisdiction, and would state that I am ready to furnish said Commission with all the information in my power relative thereto.

In reply to the second resolution in the proceedings, I would remark, that I am not in possession of any authenticated copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session, in manuscript, relative to the adoption of a constitution; that the Grand Secretary, John G. Treadwell, is in possession of all the manuscript proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and I am under the impression that there is no manuscript copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the November session, except the original minutes, as taken in the Grand Lodge during its session, from which the proceedings are printed, and the proof is examined and corrected by said Grand Secretary.

JOS. R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*

January 18, 1848.

The following communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York:

I. O. of O. F.

Office of the Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, State of N. York, }
CITY OF NEW YORK, Jan. 17, 1848. }

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., P. Grand Sire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have been put in possession of a document, signed by you as President of a Board of Commissioners, appointed by the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United

States, I. O. of O. F., held in the Grand Lodge Room, National Hall, New York, Monday, January 17, 1848, for the Grand Lodge of New York.

That body adjourned on the 6th of November last, having adopted a new constitution, which went into effect on said adjournment, by which the Grand Lodge can hold no session for business until the annual session to be held on the 3d Monday of August next, except a special session be called by the Grand Master, on forty days' notice to each representative

As a member of the Order, and an officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I cannot, under my obligation to that body, whose agent I am, recognize your body as meeting under sanction of law, to try either myself, the members of, or the Grand Lodge of this State.

Whenever a session of the Grand Lodge of this State shall be held, either annual or special, if one be called as aforesaid, I shall submit your communication to the said Grand Lodge, for such action as it may take in the premises.

I am yours, fraternally,

JOHN G. TREADWELL, *G. Sec'y.*

The following resolution, was offered by Com. Ridgely and unanimously adopted:

A communication addressed to Howell Hopkins, President of this Commission, appointed by the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, having been received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, from which it appears that, that officer "is not in possession of any authenticated copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847, in manuscript, relative to the adoption of a constitution; that the Grand Secretary, John G. Treadwell, is in possession of all the manuscript proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and that he is under the impression that there is no manuscript copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the November session, except the original minutes taken in the Grand Lodge during its session, from which the proceedings were printed, and the proof is examined and corrected by the Grand Secretary." And a communication having also been received addressed to H. Hopkins, P. G. Sire, from John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, State of New York, from which it appears that said officer is wholly silent upon the application made to him by an order of the Commission, asking for authenticated copies of the manuscript journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, touching the adoption of a constitution by that body; which silence is predicated upon the ground, that the said Grand Secretary, "as a member of the Order, and officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, cannot, under his obligations to the body, whose agent he is, recognize the Commission as acting under sanction of law, to try either himself, the members of, or the Grand Lodge of this State;" and it further appearing that the manuscript record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, had at its November session, 1847, if any exist upon the subject above referred to, are not within the reach of this Commission; therefore

Ordered, That the board wil proceed to consider the report of the proceedings referring to the subject aforesaid, as they appear in the printed journal of the Grand Lodge of New York, bearing date the third November, 1847, and the examination of parole testimony, as the next best evidence within the reach of the Commission.

G. M. Joseph R. Taylor, of the Grand Lodge of New York, stated that at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, a

committee of five had been appointed to represent it before the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Glazier, the committee were allowed to appear and be heard. P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy acting as counsel.

The examination was then commenced, and G. M. Joseph R. Taylor, of the Grand Lodge of New York, after being obligated in due form, gave in evidence as follows:

Are you Grand Master?

I am.

Did you preside at the November session?

The whole of the first day.

At what time was the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States received and acted upon?

The Grand Lodge proceeded regularly until the time laid down in the Rules of the Grand Lodge for communications to be received, when the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States was read.

Was there a motion for a recess offered by P. G. Wallace?

There was, I think, but was afterwards withdrawn, and a resolution was then offered by G. Rep. Dwinelle, as follows: (see page 281, proceedings November session, Document A.) The resolution was offered in manuscript and re-read by the Grand Secretary.

The examination was here suspended, and a member of the Commission (Wells) objected to any leading question being asked witnesses. When the Commission

Ordered, That in examining witnesses, parties and counsel shall abstain from putting leading questions.

Examination Resumed

Was there any thing appended to the resolution when submitted by Dwinelle?

There was not any thing during the day.

Did you see a copy of the constitution as offered by Dwinelle that day?

I did not until after the recess was ordered, and the Grand Lodge had taken a recess.

What was done at the session at 3 o'clock?

Same as recorded on page 303, proceedings of the November session, Document A.

Were you in the Grand Lodge the next morning, (Thursday)?

I was, and at that time the Grand Secretary proceeded to read the resolution, and the constitution as annexed. (See page 304, proceedings November session, Document A.) I did not stay in the chair during the whole of the session of Thursday.

What was the form of constitution read by the Grand Secretary?

The document as presented in the Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary, it was printed, as if presented the day before.

On page 281, Document A, it appears that P. G. Dwinelle of-

ferred a resolution, is the resolution as printed in the proceedings, a literal copy of the resolution as offered by him in manuscript?

I think it is a counterpart of that resolution, but have not seen it since the session, in manuscript; the resolution was offered by itself, and the copy of the constitution was not introduced at all until the next morning (Thursday.)

Have you any recollection of any enquiry having been propounded to you as to what document was to follow?

There were no questions asked me.

Was there offered at any time any constitution with the resolution?

There was not.

If the resolution was offered naked, how came the document purporting to be a constitution before that body?

It was read by the Grand Secretary the next morning, and it came before the Grand Lodge in no other way.

When the Grand Secretary proceeded the next morning to read the document with the resolution, did you object?

I did not object.

Did any member of the Grand Lodge object at that time, by reason of its not being a part of the original resolution?

I am under the impression that no one objected.

Was the paper read by the Grand Secretary next morning printed or written?

A printed copy.

Was any action taken on the resolution?

There had been no action taken upon it at that time, (Wednesday) but it was laid on the table till next morning—the resolution was not stated by me prior to the adjournment on Wednesday.

You have stated that the constitution as considered by the Grand Lodge of the United States was never before you?

No sir, it was not.

Was there any amendment as distinct and separate propositions offered, except that with the resolution?

There were none.

Was there any vote taken separately on any amendment?

Not any.

Was that a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States (Document No. 2) which was read on Wednesday?

It was, except the one read was signed and sealed by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Do you know what form of constitution was passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

Yes, sir, I believe the convention form.

Was that form of constitution ever before the Grand Lodge of New York?

It has never been considered or acted upon, and was never before the body.

P. G. M. Chas. McGowan was then obligated in due form and examined as follows:

Were you in attendance at the November session, 1847?

I came in after the introduction of new members.

Were you present when communications were read?

I was. When the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States was read, P. G. Wallace moved an adjournment for, I believe, an hour, and called the previous question. I then asked if it was the intention to force that constitution through that afternoon—he said it was. I asked for a copy of the constitution when Wallace withdrew his motion for a recess, and Dwinelle offered a resolution—it was in manuscript.

Was anything said about furnishing members with copies of the constitution?

P. G. Barnard said they could be had after the recess of the Grand Lodge. No committee had ever been appointed, nor any Grand officer ever had the constitution to act upon, in any shape or form. The resolution was offered by Dwinelle. There was no constitution offered at that time, and the Grand Lodge then took a recess.

Were you present at 3 o'clock, of Wednesday?

I was not.

Were you present when the resolution of Dwinelle came up, and was acted upon?

I was; and the Grand Secretary read the resolution, and continued on reading the constitution.

What action was had by the Grand Lodge?

During the reading of the document, several motions were made to dispense with the reading, &c. I asked for a copy of the constitution as prepared by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Grand Master asked the Grand Secretary for a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The secretary replied he had none. Dwinelle then called for the previous question. The chair decided as recorded on page 308, Document A, except that the chair also added, "as it came from the Grand Lodge of the United States."

When the vote was about to be taken by yeas and nays, how did you vote?

My name being first on the roll, it was first called, and I voted under protest.

Was the protest required to be read?

It was, and read, and so voted under by myself and others.

Is that protest the same as recorded on page 313, (Document A?)

It appears to be.

Did all voting in the negative vote under protest?

They did.

What was the decision of the chair when announcing the result?

I don't recollect distinctly, but think it was that the resolution offered by Dwinelle was adopted.

Did the chair announce that the constitution having received a two-third vote was declared to be adopted?

He did not, to my recollection.

What action was taken by the members voting in the negative?

They withdrew from the room and took no other part in the proceedings.

Were you in the room when the resolution was offered by Dwinelle, and was there any other document with it?

There was not. The resolution was on the part of a sheet of paper, and unaccompanied by any other document.

Were you present when Dwinelle voted under protest, and was any action taken in relation thereto?

No action was taken by the body in relation thereto, as it was looked upon as a burlesque.

Have you any knowledge of the particular form of constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

None, except what I knew from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Was that particular form ever submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York?

It never was to my knowledge.

On motion, the Commission then adjourned to 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, *Sec.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
Wednesday, 10 A. M., Jan. 19, 1848. }

Present—Commissioners Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Smith and Wells. B. J. Pentz, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The examination of witnesses was then resumed, and the following named brethren, after being obligated in due form, testified as follows: P. G. M. Joseph D. Stewart—

Were you present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3d Nov.?

I was not.

Were you on Thursday, the 4th November?

I was not.

At the opening?

No, sir.

What time did you arrive?

About 12 o'clock.

What was doing at that time?

P. G. Dwinelle was reading what was called a consitution; he was assisting the Grand Secretary.

Who was in the chair?

Grand Master Taylor.

Did he retain the chair?

He did not; he called me to the chair about five minutes after I came into the room.

After the document or constitution had been read, what was the first proceeding, do you recollect?

P. G. Barnard offered a resolution.

Was the form of motion as recorded on page 307, Document A, the form in which he presented his motion?

Have no recollection of hearing Barnard, in making the motion, make use of the words, "the convention constitution," and I heard distinctly what he said.

After amendments were offered by P. G. Kennedy and Dwinelle called for the previous question, did McGowan ask the chair what was the previous question?

I decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Did you really understand that the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was before the body?

I supposed it was before the body, as I had not attended the meeting on Wednesday, and did not think any other form could be before them, and accordingly so decided.

Was there then a call made by any member for the production of a copy of the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

There was; and I asked the Grand Secretary for the convention constitution as amended; he answered, "I have not got it, and know nothing about it." The answer was made immediately. He had told me previous to the meeting, "that he had it."

Do I understand that, previous to the meeting, you had heard the Grand Secretary of New York say that the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was in his possession?

He said he had it, and it was in the iron safe, all right. This was said in the Grand Secretary's office.

When Dwinelle called the previous question, did you understand what it applied to?

I did.

When you decided as on page 308, Document A, did you not know that other amendments had been offered?

I did not.

Did you understand that the constitution was a part of the resolution as offered by Dwinelle?

I did.

Is that form as recorded on page 308, Document A, as you decided?

It is not full, as there should be added, "as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Was your decision reversed by the Grand Lodge?

It was, and the question then recurred upon the resolution of Dwinelle.

Is the decision as recorded on page 312, Document A, as you made it?

It is not; my decision was the resolution was adopted.

Was there any altercation between you and Dwinelle upon the subject?

There was some conversation between us; he desired me to make a different decision, but I said the resolution was adopted.

When the Grand Lodge reversed your decision on the appeal, what did you say?

I said, shall the main question now be put, and the question was taken without being stated by the chair.

Did this conclude the voting, and comprehend the entire subject?

Yes, sir, it was the final vote; no language as recorded on page 310, Document A, was used by me.

You say the proceedings as recorded on page 312, Document A, were not correct?

They are not, as I considered the resolution was the only thing adopted.

Was there a proposition put to the body as to the adoption of a constitution by itself?

No, sir, not by me, or to my knowledge.

Were you in the chair when there were any amendments offered?

Yes, sir, by P. G. Kennedy, but by no other person.

Was there any vote taken on any amendment to the constitution?

Not to my knowledge.

Did any other person offer any amendments?

None other than Kennedy.

Who next got the floor after Kennedy?

Dwinelle.

After he had the floor, what did he do?

He called for the previous question.

On what?

On his resolution.

Were there any amendments adopted or offered except the one offered by Kennedy?

There was not, there was no chance for any amendments.

Was there a protest offered?

There was.

Did all the minority vote under protest?

I believe they all did.

Is the protest as printed the one voted under?

It appears to be.

Does it embrace all your views upon the subject therein referred to?

It does, or I should not have signed it.

Does the protest correctly recite the decision you made?

I think it does.

Examination of P. G. M. D. Charter:

While you were present on Wednesday, was there any thing but the resolution of Dwinelle offered?

No, sir.

Was there any amendments offered?

Yes.

By whom?

P. G. Kennedy?

Were there any amendments adopted?

None. I was in the room when the previous question was called.

Who called for it?

P. G. Dwinelle.

What did he say?

For the purpose of cutting off debate, he said he would call for the previous question on his resolution.

Did he say anything but upon his resolution?

He did not.

Were you present when P. G. Stewart made his decision. What did he say?

That the resolution was adopted.

When Stewart put the main question, what did he say?

I think he said, "the secretary will call the roll." The record is not correct on page 310, Document A, as the chair did not put the question in that manner.

After the vote had been taken, did the chair announce that the resolution and constitution was adopted?

No, he did not.

What did the chair say?

That the resolution was adopted by a two-third vote, having voted in its favor.

P. G. W. S. McLaughlin examined:

Were you in the Grand Lodge on Thursday, the second day of the November session?

I was.

Were you present when the constitution was being read?

I was.

Were you present when the previous question was called for by P. G. Dwinelle?

I was.

What occurred?

After Kennedy had stated his amendment, Dwinelle remarked, "to cut off debate, I call for the previous question."

Did he say, on his resolution and constitution?

He did not, he said the same as before stated.

Is the language of the record on page 307, Document A, correct?

It embodies more than Dwinelle uttered.

P. G. Wm. N. Lewis examined:

Were you present on Thursday?

I was about 11 o'clock.

Were you present when the constitution was read?

I was.

Were you present when Kennedy offered his amendments, and when Dwinelle called for the previous question?

I was, and shortly after P. G. Kennedy ceased speaking—Dwinelle got the floor and called for the previous question, did not say any thing else.

Were you any way excited?

I was not, was calm at the time

Did any one ask what the previous question was?

Yes, and P. G. M. Stewart replied that it would bring the vote back upon the constitution as sent down amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Are you confident that the words above stated were made use of by Stewart?

I am positive.

Is the printed proceedings as recorded on page 308, Document A, correct or not?

No, sir, it is not as the decision was given by Stewart.

Were you present when the result of the final vote was announced, and who was in the chair?

P. G. Stewart, and he said the resolution was adopted.

Was the annunciation made by Stewart, or any other person as recorded on page 312, Document A?

No sir.

Did any other person make such announcement after Stewart left the chair?

Stewart did not, nor any other person—and I was in the room some twenty minutes after the result was announced.

G. M. Jos. R. Taylor's examination resumed:

Are you sure that the document set forth in the printed proceedings, page 281, Document A, is the same without alteration, as that offered for the adoption of that body, as if appended to G. Rep. Dwinnelle's resolution, page 81?

I believe it to be the same, but it did not come before the Grand Lodge until Thursday morning.

Were the proceedings read on Thursday morning?

They were not, as it was a recess, not an adjournment.

Counsel for the Grand Lodge of New York, enquires whether it will be allowed him to produce in evidence, that informal committees were appointed by the two parties, and that a conference took place. That in said conference when modifications were presented by the minority as a ground of compromise, that they were rejected by the committee representing the majority, without time for examination.

The Commission ruled that it would not be in order to receive such evidence.

Upon the adoption of the constitution by a vote of the Grand Lodge, did you state that the constitution would go into effect at the close of the November session?

The constitution was voted on by the Grand Lodge on Thursday; on Friday a number of resolutions were offered and adopted, relative to the constitution as voted for the day before, a number of questions were asked me, among them one requesting me to appoint deputies for the city; I informed them we were working under the old constitution, the new constitution could not go into operation till the close of the November session.

Is it the usual practice of the Grand Secretary to consult with the presiding officer, when any of the decisions have been made, before the making up of the minutes?

It always has been the practice of the Grand Secretary so to do.

Did the Grand Secretary consult you as to your decisions at the proceedings of the November session, previous to the printing, as was usual?

He did not, and I requested P. G. M. Stewart to see the Grand Secretary, and see that the proceedings of Thursday were correctly recorded.

P. G. McGowan's examination resumed:

Were you present when Kennedy inquired if the constitution was open to amendment, and he proposed amendment?

I was present.

Was there any other offered or acted upon?

No other than the one offered by Kennedy.

Is the record on page 310, Document A, literally correct as announced by the chair?

I understood the chair to say the question was upon the resolution of Dwinelle?

If the record on page 210, Document A, is a faithful transcript, what would have been the vote of the lodge, and upon what?

It would have been on the resolution of Dwinelle and the amendments submitted, if the entire body had unanimously concurred.

If the main question, as on page 310, Document A, was correctly put, what would the lodge decide under it?

They would have decided the resolution and amendments to the convention constitution adopted.

Was there any other vote taken, and was that the final vote?

There was no other vote taken.

Does the record on page 312, Document A, state the proceedings correctly and embody the action of that body?

It does not.

Could the decision recorded on page 312, Document A, by possibility have been made on the question as recorded on page 310?

It could not.

When I signed the protest I did not refer to the time when the original resolution was offered, but the resolution after the constitution had been added the next day.

When Dwinelle offered his resolution, did you notice the concluding part of the resolution?

Not particularly.

When the final vote was taken did the Grand Master state that the constitution would go into effect upon the adjournment of the Grand Lodge?

He did not.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, January 20, at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, *Sec'ry.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
Thursday, 10 A. M., January 20, 1848. }

Present—Commissioners Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Smith and Wells. B. J. Pentz, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Examination of J. D. Stewart resumed.

It appears, at the bottom of page 312, Document A, that you did decide the foregoing adopted, which seems at variance with your testimony as stated to us yesterday—how do you explain this?

I stated yesterday that was not my decision. I presume the manner it is so recorded is because I had no opportunity to see the record, although I made two applications to see the minutes from the Grand Secretary, but he failed to allow me to do so before they were printed, although he had promised, on two applications to allow me to see the proof of the minutes.

Commissioners Ridgely and Smith objected to the admission of the foregoing testimony.

The examination was then closed.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, *Secretary*.

The committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, acting as counsel, then addressed the Board in argument upon the testimony, and submitted the following points in writing. (See Documents A and K.)

The argument being closed, it was

Ordered, That the room should be cleared, and that the Commission would proceed to consider the several matters which they have had under investigation.

Which being done, the doors closed.

The commissioners spent some hours in examining the documents before them, and came to the conclusion unanimously, that,

1st. The form of constitution acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, was not the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, formerly submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but, on the contrary, the document passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, was not before the Grand Lodge of New York even without the sanction of authentication.

2d. The form of constitution alleged to have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York contains new matter at variance with the law of the particular case, and the general laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the Digest.

3d. The form of constitution prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, if it had been in all respects regularly submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, and had been by it adopted, or amended and adopted, would have been provisionally in force, under the general law of the last session.

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That P. G. Sire H. Hopkins and Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, be a committee to draw up a report to the Grand Sire, expressive of the views

of the Commission, which report when drawn, shall be copied, and a copy sent to each Commissioner for approval before delivery to the Grand Sire.

On motion, the session was then closed.

H. HOPKINS, *Presiding*.

NEW YORK AMERICAN HOTEL, }
January 20, 1848, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

A special meeting of the Commissioners was held by call of the President.

The President stated that since the close of the session he had received a communication from Grand Master Taylor, which he deemed it his duty to submit to the consideration of the Board, and have therefore called them together.

On motion, the communication was read, and is as follows, viz:

[L. S.] *Office of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, }
State of New York. }*

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq.,

*President of the Commission appointed by the Grand Sire
of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER—Since I made my communication to you in reply to the proceedings of the Commissioners of Monday last, I have discovered a portion of the original minutes of the November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of New York, embracing forty-one sheets, the journal portion being in the hand writing of John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary. The first fifteen pages and the seventeenth page appear to be missing, as also the thirty-first page; in other respects it appears to be complete, and the last page having the signature of John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary.

They are herewith submitted for your use.

Fraternally yours,

JOS. R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master*.

New York, January 20, 1848.

On examination of the manuscript minutes, it appeared to the Board that there were essential differences between the written and the printed minutes, and it was

Ordered, That the committee appointed to make a report have in possession the said manuscript minutes, and use the same in making their report.

On motion, the Board closed.

H. HOPKINS, *Presiding*.

DOCUMENT A. K.

To the M. W. Commissioners, appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now sitting in the hall of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

The undersigned committee of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, respectfully present the following points in justification of those who do not recognize the constitution alleged to have been adopted at the November Session, 1847, by the Grand Lodge of New York, to be in force within this jurisdiction:

1st. The form of constitution prepared by the convention of 1846, has not been officially or formally before the Grand Lodge of New York at *any time*.

2d. The convention constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, has never been formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, authenticated by the officers of the said United States' Grand Lodge, for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection. Nor has such constitution been presented even in an informal manner.

3d. The following resolution, when presented by P. G. Dwinelle, was without any appendage:

Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention held in November, 1846, which was referred to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, except such parts thereof as were then stricken out by said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and hereby is amended and adopted, and declared to be the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and as amended and adopted, it shall read as follows:

4th. The foregoing resolution having been made the special order for Thursday, November 4th, when taken up it had a form of constitution appended to it.

5th. The form of constitution, so appended, was a document having no identity, and but little affinity to the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States. If it were intended as a modification, it contained at least forty-five changes in additions and omissions.

6th. The only form of constitution at any time during the November Session of 1847, which was before the Grand Lodge of New York, was in nearly all the essential features and provisions different from that which was directed to be submitted to said Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

7th. That said form of constitution was not amended or altered by any vote of the Grand Lodge of New York, that but one motion was offered to amend, which was cut off by the previous question.

8th. The constitution alleged to have been adopted, contains new matter at variance with the law of the particular case; and numerous provisions in violation of the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

9th. That the adoption of the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle, if done

in a manner unobjectionable, is in itself inoperative and illegal by embracing the whole authority to amend as well as to adopt a form of constitution. It is also an attempt to accomplish indirectly, what could not be done by any direct and legal method; for amendments are only properly admissible separately, and can be acted upon only in the same manner, whereas the resolution designs to adopt at least forty-five amendments of different character, and in distant portions of the same document by one vote.

10th. That the Grand Lodge of New York did not adopt the constitution alleged to have been adopted at the November Session, 1847, nor did the presiding Grand Master make any annunciation or declaration on any vote taken during said session to that effect.

11th. That if the constitution alleged to have been adopted at the November Session of 1847, has been regularly and legally adopted, then it is not operative as the organic law of this jurisdiction until approved of by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

GEO. H. ANDREWS,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
CHAS. MCGOWAN,
A. McARTHUR,

Committee in behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, the report was referred to a select committee for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The chair named P. G. Sire Kennedy, Reps. Moffett, of Missouri, and Tewksbury, of Maryland, as the committee.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, moved that one thousand extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report be printed for the use of the Representatives, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, P. G. Rep. McCauley, of Maryland, was admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sire Glazier submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That article xxi, page 50, Digest Laws, be amended by inserting the words "or revived" after "new" in the fourth line.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of last session.

The chair named Reps. Spooner, of Ohio, Cole, of Massachusetts, and Allen, of Pennsylvania, as the committee.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, submitted the following, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at its last session, in August last, did expel Arwamus Lodge, No. 37, one of her subordinates—and whereas the said subordinate has delivered up its effects, as appears by the receipt of the Grand

Master of New Jersey, and desires to appeal from the decision made by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in her case: therefore,

Resolved, That the appeal of Arwamus Lodge, No. 37, of the jurisdiction of New Jersey, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, be received and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of so amending the form of Funeral Regalia as to add thereto a white apron.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of restoring the three months term for subordinates.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on his motion, ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS, by the established custom and usage, and by the laws of this Grand Lodge, it is required of Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges and Past Patriarchs of Subordinate Encampments of states, territories and districts, on making application for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charter, to, with their petition, present a form of constitution or code of laws for their government, for the consideration, action on, and approval of, this body. And whereas this Grand Lodge, as the supreme legislative and judicial head of the Order, possesses the power and authority to so amend and alter the said constitutions so submitted, so that they shall conform to her own laws and decisions. And whereas, after having passed upon and considered the original constitution of a body chartered by this Grand Lodge, she possesses and holds no other authority, power or control over the laws, legislation or acts of the said Grand Bodies other than in a judicial capacity, and can only so exercise such authority by regular appeal from members or subordinate departments of the said Grand Lodges and Encampments; therefore be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That it is required of Past Grands and Past Patriarchs on making application to this Grand Lodge for a Grand Charter, to submit a form of constitution or code of laws previously agreed upon and adopted by themselves for their government, for the approval and sanction of this body—and that this Grand Lodge does possess full power to alter or amend such said laws, so presented, to such extent and in all particulars that may be necessary to make them conform to and accord with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Encampments possess in themselves full, ample and positive power, to make such amendments, alterations and changes in the original code of laws or constitutions provided for, furnished or approved for them by this Grand Lodge, and can extend its amendments to the adoption of an entire new constitution—provided that such changes and amendments shall not conflict with the laws of the Supreme Body.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Encampments, immediately after having constitutionally amended or changed their laws, they can and do have and possess full and positive authority and power to enforce the said new laws without awaiting or asking for an approval by the Grand Lodge of the United States; and further that it is not necessary at any subsequent time to submit to the Grand Lodge of the United States such said amendments, changes or new laws for its approval.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States only possess power to pass on, determine or decide upon the legality or constitutionality of the enactments of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, when members or subordinate departments of said Grand Body shall have regularly appealed to her against the enactments and decisions of the said Parent Body, that holds and exercises jurisdiction over them.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the M. W. Grand Sire, and to the members of this body, the death of P. G. M. John Affron, the late representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and D. D. Grand Sire for the State of Alabama.

P. G. Master Affron was one of the oldest members of the Order in the State of Alabama, and one of its most efficient and zealous supporters. He was possessed of warm and generous feelings, and was always gratified in being able to advance the interests of our beloved institution.

I beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to take from us our late Bro. P. G. M. John Affron, late representative in this body:

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States do sympathise with their brethren in the State of Alabama, and with the friends and relatives of our deceased brother, in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and the family of our deceased brother, be furnished with a copy of the above preamble and resolutions.

On motion, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to take into consideration, and report to this Lodge, their opinion on the propriety of extending the term of service of the officers of Subordinate Lodges to one year.

Rep. Knight, of Rhode Island, presented the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, upon the subject therein referred to, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampments of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Winder, of Michigan, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the case of A. Hamilton, and the appended resolutions, be submitted to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of P. G. Sire Hopkins, the election of Grand Officers was made the order of the day for to-morrow at noon.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 19, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. W. Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented communications from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and from Pensacola Lodge, Florida, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. Also a communication from Excelsior Lodge, Honolulu, which was referred to the Committee on Lodges not represented.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of Bro. W. J. Baxter, of Michigan, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; and the appeal of Bro. Jas. D. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

By unanimous consent, the following resolution, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. M. John White, of South Carolina, P. G's Charles Calvert, A. V. Fraser, F. D. Stuart, Wm. F. Bayly, W. E. Douglass, and John Thaw, of the District of Columbia, be admitted to seats within the hall.

The Grand Secretary presented the Annual Reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

P. G. S. Kennedy, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend:

That so much thereof as relates to the institution of Grand and Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, since the close of the last session;

So much as relates to Palestine Encampment, No. 3, of Rhode Island, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the Grand Sire's decisions on questions of law and usage;

So much as relates to cards issued under authority of the Grand Lodge of British North America, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to establishing Lodges on the Pacific Coast, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to uniform constitutions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to the investment of the funds of this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

That so much as relates to the New York difficulties, be referred to the special committee of five having that subject in hand.

J. A. KENNEDY,
W. A. MOFFETT,
G. D. TEWKSBURY.

The chair named the following committees provided for in the foregoing report:

Pacific Coast.—Reps. Towers, of District of Columbia, Silsby, of Alabama, Winder, of Michigan.

Uniform Constitutions.—P. G. Sire Hopkins, Reps. Zimmerman, of Maryland, Dickson, of Delaware.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read, and the resolution accompanying adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee, consisting of the Past Grand Sires and the R. W. Grand Secretary, appointed at the last session, with instructions to prepare and report to this session of the Grand Lodge, "full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order," respectfully report:

That in performance of the duty assigned them, they, in the recess of the Grand Lodge, assembled at the Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of Baltimore, and being desirous that their report should be full and complete, they carefully examined the records contained in the secret journal and in other recognized authority. After full consultation, aided by the knowledge and experience which each member of the committee possessed, they have prepared and now submit to this Grand Lodge the following as "full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order." If it shall be approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge, and the various lodges and encampments be ordered so to perform the work, it will be the means of producing *uniformity*, which has been much desired.

Your committee in making their report have endeavored accurately to define each part of the work. If they have been able to satisfy the requisition of the Grand Lodge, it will afford gratification.

THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. S.
Z. B. GLAZIER, P. G. S.
JOHN A. KENNEDY, P. G. S.
H. HOPKINS, P. G. S.
JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session at 8 o'clock this evening, to consider the report of the committee appointed at its last session to prepare and report "full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order."

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read, and with the resolution accompanying, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was entrusted the duty of reporting the deferred and unfinished business of the last session, find upon an examination of the journal of proceedings, that the following require and claim your attention and consideration during the present session, viz:

Memorial of the "Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," on page 1017 journal of this body.

Resolutions of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, page 1086.

Amendments to the Constitution.

Proposed by Rep. Clark, of New Jersey, to article i, page 1123.

" " Rep. Bain, of Virginia, to article viii, page 1031.

" " Rep. Hough, of Virginia, to article xi, page 1099.

" " Rep. Dimon, of New York, to article xiv, page 1070.

" " Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, page 1070.

Amendments to the By-Laws.

Submitted by Rep. Coffin, of New York, to article viii, page 1034.

" " Rep. Neally, of Maine, to article xix, page 1099.

" " Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, to article —, page 1103.

" " Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, to Digest, article xi, divisions 15, 16, page 1115 vol. 2, proceedings.

Your committee, on an examination of the memorial from the "Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," find that it involves questions and principles of vast moment and of the greatest importance. It demands a consideration at your hands; we believe that it should have a full and impartial hearing by a committee as well as of the Grand Lodge. We submit the annexed resolution for the appointment of a committee.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SPOONER,
RAYMOND COLE,
WM. M. ALLEN.

Resolved, That the memorial from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be referred to a special committee of three.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of that State, upon the subject of the change of the location of that body, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented a communication from lodge No. 19, of Alabama, with the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State, asking leave to hold sessions of said lodge once a month.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to refer the same to the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, moved to amend by referring the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Gallaher, of Virginia, P. G. Rep. E. S. Hough,

of Virginia, was admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1849, the official term of Subordinate Encampments shall be extended to one year.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, presented the appeal of P. G. Olmsted, of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, upon the subject of the law of the last session in relation to the minutes of lodges working in the German language, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the special committee, to whom were submitted the matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York, have permission to sit during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved the following proceeding:

WHEREAS it appears that one of the committee elected by this Grand Lodge yesterday, to take into consideration the existing difficulties in the jurisdiction of New York, was a member of the Commission which was appointed by the Grand Sire, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the same subject; and whereas several members of this lodge are understood to have voted to put said member upon the committee without being aware of the fact that he had been a member of said Commission; and whereas it may be by some supposed, however unjustly, that the said member of the committee has already prejudged the matter which the committee are now expected impartially to investigate; and as it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to avoid even a suspicion of unfairness, for obvious reasons: therefore,

Resolved, That the member of the committee in question; Rep. Wm. R. Smith, of Maine, be respectfully requested to decline serving on the said committee, for the purpose of giving to this Grand Lodge opportunity to fill his place in the committee with some representative not heretofore personally connected with the difficulties which it has to inquire into and report upon.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to lay the subject on the table, the Lodge was equally divided, whereupon the Grand Sire declared, by his vote, the motion of Rep. Robinson adopted.

Rep. Towers, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the regulation of this Grand Lodge which prescribes a Funeral Regalia, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the subject be left under the control and direction of the Grand Lodges of the respective states, districts and territories.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of that state, upon the subject of relief to members from other states—referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, presented a communication in the nature of a complaint against the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, which was, together with other papers on that subject, submitted by Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, proposed the following inquiry, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider and report on the expediency and propriety of requiring the work of the Order throughout the United States to be transacted in the English language.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, proposed the following inquiry, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider and define the power of Grand Masters, so far as regards their right to require from Subordinate Lodges copies of their proceedings; not disputing their right to examine all books and papers of said Subordinate Lodges, and to make personally such extracts or copies as they may desire.

Rep. Moffett, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Past Official Degrees be, and they are hereby abolished.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, presented an application from the subordinates of that state, asking a return of a portion of the dues paid by them into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Disosway, of North Carolina, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. McKee, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at its last session passed a resolution removing its location from Wilmington to Raleigh, and instructed their Representatives to ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of the United States: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be permitted to change its location from Wilmington to Raleigh.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following communication from the Grand Lodge of that State, which, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Extract from the Minutes of R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.—July Session, 1848.

P. G. M. Spooner offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is represented that that body has accumulated a large surplus balance in its treasury, so large as to make investments in State Stocks—an amount beyond its immediate

and probable future wants—and whereas an accumulation of funds by a legislative body beyond its wants for legislative purposes, is calculated to induce the bestowal of costly presents upon some of its favorite members or officers, and the granting of extravagant salaries to its officers—and whereas our institution has been organized and is sustained for the purpose of “*visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead, and educating the orphan,*” not for the purpose of the bestowal of honor, dower or pecuniary emoluments upon its members—and whereas the large amount of funds in the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States has been drawn from lodges and encampments, and diverted from its original purposes, by requiring State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to pay exorbitant and onerous prices for the books and other printed matter furnished them: therefore, be and it is hereby

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Ohio that the Grand Lodge of the United States should not accumulate a balance in its treasury exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States should reduce its revenues to that standard that will be necessary to economically administer its affairs.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States is not warranted in bestowing upon any of its officers or members presents of any kind whatever.

Resolved, That the salaries of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be fixed and determined by law, and not subject to be increased or decreased at every session.

Resolved, That the prices as at present charged by the Grand Lodge of the United States for Charge, Degree, and Installation Books, Cards, Odes, Proceedings of that body, Digest, and other printed matter, are exorbitant and greatly exceed their value and cost.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed to submit the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, and urge the adoption of a resolution directing that all printed matter furnished by that body shall be sold at a fair and reasonable advance upon its actual cost—and that they be further instructed to urge the passage of laws in conformity with the preceding views.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish each of the Representatives of this Grand Lodge with a copy of the foregoing, under seal.

On motion of P. G. M. Clark, it was

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to propose a change in the system of defraying the expenses of Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, so as to make the taxation bear some relation to the representation; or in other words, to equalize the expenses of the different State Grand Lodges.

[SEAL.] A true copy from the minutes.

ISAAC HEFLEY, *Grand Recording Secretary*.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That P. G. Marshall, P. G. Roche, P. G. M. Thompson, P. G. Starr, P. G. White and P. G. M. Ropes, be admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is competent for, and that the Presiding Officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, can before opening their said lodges and encampments, on the presentation of legal cards by visitors, proceed to examine them as if the said body had been opened; and if the said officers should, on examination, find the persons proposing to visit to be correct in the work and A. T. P. W., they may introduce the said visitors to the lodge and encampment before opening, and allow them to remain and continue in the hall during the open-

ing ceremonies, and while in session, the same as if an examining committee had been regularly appointed.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Should a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, or other officer of a Grand body, resign his station at any time before the expiration of his term of office—does he by such resignation surrender, resign and forfeit the honors of such said office—can he be entitled afterward to be held or to claim his station as a Past officer of the office he has resigned? If he can be so entitled, what portion of his term of office must he have actually served to secure to him the honors of the station? And if he is rightfully entitled to the honors of the office resigned, can like honors and distinctions be awarded and conferred upon his successor, who shall have served the remainder of the term?

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction, shall hereafter have the power to hold their sessions at such place or places within their several jurisdictions, as they shall from time to time determine.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the applications and papers relating to the granting of warrants for instituting Grand Encampments in the States of Louisiana and Alabama,* have examined the same, and find them to be correct in form. They therefore recommend that the action of the Grand officers on the said applications, in issuing warrants for instituting and opening the said Grand Encampments during the recess, be confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment the power to suspend a subordinate under its jurisdiction, without giving said subordinate an opportunity of trial?

Rep. Abell, of Connecticut, moved the following inquiry, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire, and report to this body, whether a lodge can reject an applicant for membership on account of any peculiarities of his religious belief and practice.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, submitted the following amendment to the constitution, which was read and ordered to lie over to the next session:

That article eleventh of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended, by striking out the word "September" in the second line, and inserting in its place the word "July."

*A notice of the opening of these Encampments will be found at page 1225.

Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Does a brother drawing his card from a Subordinate Lodge, holding an office in an encampment, thereby vacate his office, even if he deposit his card within one month thereafter?

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of that State, in relation to the organization of State Grand Lodges, which was referred to the Committee on Uniform Constitutions for State Grand Lodges.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of State Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their Grand Representatives in matters pertaining particularly to said lodges and encampments, it does *not* recognize the right of instruction in matters of interest to the entire Order throughout this jurisdiction.

Rep. Gallaher, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribing a Funeral Regalia.

Rep. Deering, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that Subordinate Encampments shall be officially informed of the suspension or expulsion, and also of the reinstatement of members of Subordinate Lodges, being at the same time members of encampments.

Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, or Grand Representative communicate the Traveling Pass Word to any one except the Noble Grand and Chief Patriarch of subordinates?

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, proposed the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS it has been decided by the Grand Lodge of Indiana that "a Subordinate Lodge cannot, according to the laws, *remit* an initiation fee, *but that*, having control of the funds, they may *donate* the fee at any time;" and whereas it appears that the Grand Lodge of Ohio entertains an opposite opinion, and has severely censured one of its subordinates for pursuing a course according with the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, thus showing that the "usage" of the said districts is diametrically opposite: therefore,

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to the end that a correct and uniform practice may be established.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS "usage," in a certain case, appears to have led to opposite conclusions in the districts of Ohio and Indiana: therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is contrary to the usages of the Order for Noble Grands who have been taken from the floor, (without filling the chairs of Secretary and V. G.,) at the end of the terms to sit as P. G's for the term next succeeding their term of N. G., excepting, however, in cases of new Lodges.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the following proceedings, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representative of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and he is hereby instructed to introduce into said Grand Lodge, and urge the passage of the following amendment to sec. 6, art. 7, of the second division of the Digest of General Laws :

“The vote of a Subordinate Lodge granting a withdrawal card to a member applying therefor, shall have the effect to sever his connection with his lodge : *Provided*, That if on the application for such card he pay to the lodge the amount of his weekly dues for the length of time the card has to run, that the lodge so granting such card shall be held responsible to the brother so withdrawing for all the benefits due to himself and family in case of sickness or death, the same as if he remained in full fellowship, which liability shall continue as long as the card runs, or until such time as the said member may become a beneficiary member of any other lodge to which he may attach himself by virtue of said card. If the card be taken, the brother receiving it shall be entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and shall possess the right to visit for the period specified in his withdrawal card.”.

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges shall hereafter possess the power of granting to the proper officers of Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction the privilege of issuing visiting cards to members applying therefor, during the recess of their several lodges; provided that the applicant be in good standing, and that cards thus granted shall not run for a longer period than three months ; and provided further, that final or withdrawal cards, and visiting cards to run for a longer period than three months, shall only be granted upon application, personal or otherwise, to lodges or encampments while in session.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Do the existing laws require a brother holding a final card, and who wishes to resume active membership, to deposit the same in the lodge nearest his residence, or may he at his option join any lodge in the district where he resides?

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

The opinion of this Grand Lodge is respectfully requested as to the legality of the following enactment of the Grand Encampment of Indiana:

“No application for membership shall be received from persons residing out of the State or in remote districts, when encampments exist nearer their place of residence than the one to which they apply, except by consent of the Grand Encampments of the States interested, or the Most Worthy Grand Patriarchs of said States.”

Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is competent for State Grand Encampments to confer the Encampment Degrees upon Scarlet Degree members, to enable said members to petition for Charters of Subordinate Encampments.

On motion of Rep. Minor, of Connecticut, the lodge agreed to take up for consideration the report of the Committee on Deferred Business, which being under consideration,

Rep. Minor, of Connecticut, moved that so much of the said report as refers to the proposed amendment to the Constitution upon the subject of Past Grand Sires, be made the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

On motion, the residue of the report of the Committee on Deferred Business was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the application of Jerusalem Camp, No. 1, of New Albany, Indiana, now extinct, praying for a restoration of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into the expediency of so changing the law in relation to defunct lodges and encampments, that when a lodge or encampment has been defunct for a longer period than three years, the Grand Lodge or Encampments of its jurisdiction, as the case may be, shall have full power to fill the name and number as in case of application for a new charter. (*Digest, Division 3d, Art. 3d, No. 8.*)

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the 15th Section of 2d article of the Digest be repealed, or so modified as to give the Grand Lodges and Encampments the exclusive regulation of the manner of burying their dead.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, moved that a committee be appointed to report a plan of drawing for the classification of members, as provided by the constitution.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials ask leave to report the certificates of the election of the following Representatives, as correct:

GRAND LODGES—Iowa—P. G. James Thorington. Wisconsin—P. G. L. P. Lott. Illinois—P. G. Horatio E. Roberts, P. D. G. M. C. G. Y. Taylor.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT—Missouri—P. C. P. E. K. Woodward.

For the Committee,

JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully recommend that the acts of the Executive authority of this Grand Lodge, in having granted, on due application, a Warrant for the Grand Encampment of the State of Delaware, and causing the same to be opened during the recess, be ratified and confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

The Chair named the following committees:

Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the District of Columbia.—Reps. Torre, of South Carolina, Whitall, of Louisiana, Haines, of Pennsylvania.

Drawing for Terms.—Reps. Cole, of Massachusetts, Wakefield, of New Jersey, Treadway, of Michigan.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom all questions of Law and Usage shall be referred.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted accompanying the report of the Committee on Deferred Business, referring the memorial from the District of Columbia to a select committee, which was agreed to; whereupon, on his motion, so much of that report as referred to the memorial from the District of Columbia was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is incompetent in a Grand Lodge to confer upon any Past Grand the Past Grand's and Grand Lodge degrees, unless on the presentation of certificates in the form prescribed and published by such Grand Lodge.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, proposed the following inquiry, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of so amending the laws of the Order as to give jurisdiction to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments over members holding withdrawal cards for twelve months from the date of the card, or until the deposit of such cards in some legal lodge or encampment. Also, whether C. P's or N. G's are competent to officiate at the installation of their successors.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to report as to the law or usage governing benefits to members of the Order, who may have renewed the same by deposit of their withdrawal cards from their former lodge, and who may be taken sick or die before the period prescribed by law at which members become entitled to benefits.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who have not received a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States of previous sessions, and their Diplomas of membership, be entitled to receive the same.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, it was resolved, that so much of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business as has not already been acted upon, be made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved that a committee be appointed to examine Sutherland's Parliamentary Rules and Practice, and report such regulations of order therefrom as may be useful for the better conduct of business in the Grand Lodge, and which may not already be provided for by the Digest—which was agreed to.

The chair named P. G. Sire Hopkins, Reps. Griffin, of Georgia, and Moore, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the lodge on motion proceeded to the special order of the day, being the election for Grand officers.

The following nominations were made for the office of Grand Sire:—

By Rep. Torre, of S. C.	P. G. M. R. H. Griffin, of Ga.
By Rep. Frost, of Mass.	D. G. S. N. A. Thompson, of Mass.
By Rep. Haines, of Pa.	P. D. G. S. W. W. Moore, of D. of C.

P. D. G. S. Moore declined being a candidate.

The Chair appointed Reps. Sessford, of D. of C., and Brown, of Miss., as tellers, who having received the votes of the Representatives and P. G. Sires as they were severally called, and counted the same, reported that 74 ballots had been cast, of which number P. G. M. R. H. Griffin, of Georgia, had received 43 votes, and D. G. S. Newell A. Thompson, of Massachusetts, had received 31 votes, and that P. G. M. Robert H. Griffin had received a majority of the votes, whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. Robert H. Griffin, of Ga., was the duly chosen Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination for the office of Deputy Grand Sire—when the following were made:

By Rep. Winder, of Mich.,	P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Mich.
By Rep. Minor, of Conn.,	P. G. M. S. H. Parker, of N. H.
By Rep. Burr, of N. C.,	P. G. M. Torre, of S. C.
By Rep. Green, of Ohio,	P. G. M. W. H. Brown, of Miss.
By Rep. Wakefield, of N. J.,	P. G. M. Read, of N. J.
By Rep. Kneass, of La.,	P. G. M. Whitall, of La.
By Rep. Disosway, of N. C.,	P. G. M. Robinson, of Va.
By Rep. Page, of Wis.,	P. G. M. W. D. Wilson, of Wis.
By Rep. Sessford, of D. of C.,	P. G. M. Smith, of Maine.
By Rep. Haines, of Pa.,	P. G. M. Langer, of Pa.
By Rep. Dickson, of Del.,	P. G. M. Marshall, of Ky.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, nominating P. G. M. Wm. H. Brown, of that State, for the office of Deputy Grand Sire.

Reps. Torre, of S. C., Brown, of Miss., Robinson, of Va., Smith, of Maine, and Marshall of Ky., respectively declined being candidates.

The nominations being closed, the lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received and counted the votes reported as follows: that seventy-five votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. Master A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan,	had	28
“ “ Parker, of New Hampshire,	“	21
“ “ Read, of New Jersey,	“	10
“ “ Whitall, of Louisiana,	“	5
“ “ Wilson, of Wisconsin,	“	6
“ “ Langer, of Pennsylvania,	“	3
Scattering,	- - - - -	2

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and that no candidate having received a majority of votes, no election had been held.

The Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election, when P. G. M. Read, of N. Jersey, declined, and P. G. M. Langer, of Pennsylvania, was withdrawn.

The tellers having received the ballots, reported that seventy-five ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. Master A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan,	had	50
“ “ Parker, of New Hampshire,	“	22
“ “ Whitall, of Louisiana,	“	2
“ “ Wilson, of Wisconsin,	“	1
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and that P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, was duly chosen Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of G. Recording Secretary, when the following were made.

By Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

By Rep. Forman, of N. H., P. G. M. Thomas Spooner, of Ohio.

The nominations being closed, the lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots, reported that seventy-four ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.,	had received	-	60
P. G. M. Thomas Spooner, of Ohio,	-	-	14
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and that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely had received a majority of all the votes polled; whereupon the Grand Sire declared that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., was duly chosen Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following nomination was made:

By Rep. Robinson, of Va., P. G. M. Warner, of Md.

The lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots reported that thirty-six ballots had been voted, all of which were cast for P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Md.; whereupon the Grand Sire declared him to be the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, presented a communication from a Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, asking the co-operation of the Grand Lodge of the United States with the Order in that State in devising proper means of relief for P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, which was referred on his motion to a select committee of three. The Chair named Reps. Robinson, of Virginia, Griffin, of Georgia, and Torre, of South Carolina, as the committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 19, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the special order of the evening, being the consideration in secret session of the report of the committee on the unwritten work.

After a session of several hours with closed doors, the Grand Lodge adjourned the secret session until Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The lodge resumed its ordinary business, when, on motion that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, it was agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, one thousand extra copies were ordered to be printed:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In obedience to law, the undersigned begs to submit the annual report of his office. The accompanying resolutions embrace the several duties directed to be performed by the Corresponding Secretary during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish certificates, in the nature of withdrawal cards, to all members of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which are now or may hereafter become extinct; said certificates to be signed by the Grand Secretary, to be attested by the seal of this Grand Lodge, to entitle the holder to all the privileges exercised under withdrawal cards, and only to be issued after the presentation by the applicant of satisfactory evidence of membership and good standing.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary, be a committee to revise the forms, &c., of the installation of officers of this Grand Lodge, and report the same to the Lodge at its next session.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to keep a secret journal of the proceedings of this body, in which shall be recorded such matters as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge should not be made public.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to present, through P. G. Campbell, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, ten copies of the first and second volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

5. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to have the Subordinate work translated into the French and Spanish languages, and to have two hundred copies of the charge and lecture books printed in each language.

6. *Resolved*, That the Past Grand Sires and R. W. Grand Secretary be a committee to prepare and report to the next Session of this Grand Lodge, full and

complete instructions in the whole work of the Order, and that the Grand Secretary shall keep a secret record of such instructions, and of all alterations or changes that may hereafter be made in the same.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of each Session of the Grand Lodge a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses, if furnished, and their highest titles in the Order.

8. *Resolved*, That the Representatives of each State and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, be furnished with a perfected and complete copy of the Digest of Laws.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed, when it becomes necessary to have another edition of the charge and lecture books printed, to have the same stereotyped.

10. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds in state stocks.

11. *Resolved*, That the further sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Grand Recording Secretary, for the purchase of chairs for the use of members of the Grand Lodge.

12. *Resolved*, That the proper officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with the publishers and proprietors of the Journal of its Proceedings (Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell,) for the copy-right and stereotype plates of the same, upon terms, to wit: fifteen hundred dollars, payable in three annual instalments of five hundred dollars each.

Resolved further, That it shall be referred to the Grand Representatives of the State of New York, to cause the stereotype plates of volume I, and Nos. 1 and 2 of volume II, (being Journal 1844 and 1845,) to be examined, and upon their certificate being filed in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, that the said plates are in good order and in a proper state of preservation, then the Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary are hereby authorized to close the said contract, and to give to the said parties the corporate notes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the terms prescribed in the first resolution.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have the Digest of Laws secured by copy-right.

14. *Resolved*, That the Digest be printed in convenient form, and sold to Grand Lodges and Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, immediately under this jurisdiction.

15. *Resolved*, That the Journal from 1843 to the close of this Session be printed, stereotyped and copy-right secured.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on printing, to act in conjunction with the Grand Secretary in the above work.

16. *Resolved*, That the report of Committee on Appeals to-day, made on the appeals from the Grand Lodge of New York, and the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

17. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary transmit this day's proceedings, per mail, to the several members of this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

By authority of the first resolution, the undersigned issued a certificate in the nature of a withdrawal card to P. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, late of England, also to Patriarchs Solomon Malhon, Jared C. Jocelyn, Jno. B. Williamson, Mathias Peterson, Nathaniel F. Webb, Richard D. Evans, Joseph H. Moffat, Hiram Lanham, W. B. Robertson, Andrew Farrell, Stuart W. Cayce, formerly members of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of New Albany, Indiana, now defunct. The former was issued upon evidence on the files of this office of the membership of the brother in Pioneer Lodge, No 1, of England, at the time of its demise, and the latter upon the certificate of New Albany Lodge, No. 1, of Indiana, of the good

standing of the several applicants. The books of Jerusalem Encampment having been lost, evidence of that fact was supplied, and the next best evidence which could be had, being the certificate of the Lodge at New Albany, was, under the circumstances, received as satisfactory.

The second resolution has been complied with, and a form of installation of Grand officers will be submitted during your Session.

The third and fourth resolutions have received the prompt attention of the Corresponding Secretary.

During the recess the undersigned authorized P. G. Rep. Henry McKinnell, of Louisiana, to contract with a qualified French and Spanish scholar for the performance of the work prescribed in the fifth resolution. Bro. McKinnell, in view of the responsibility of the trust, with the approbation of the Corresponding Secretary, transferred the same to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. This body having accepted the office, through the Grand Secretary of the state submitted an estimate of the terms upon which the work could be done in the city of New Orleans, which appearing to be so much more costly than was anticipated, especially the item of printing, the undersigned deferred authorizing a contract until the further instructions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Having received an application from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British North America for a supply of the work in the French language, I addressed a communication to him conferring a like authority upon that body to perform this service, from whom I have only recently learnt that the communication never reached him.

The duty enjoined in the sixth resolution is in progress of performance, and it is expected that the Past Grand Sires will report full instructions in the work during the Session.

The seventh and eighth resolutions have been literally complied with.

The emergency having transpired provided for in the ninth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary caused the charge book to be stereotyped, from which an edition of one thousand copies has been worked off and delivered at this office.

In pursuance of the tenth resolution, the Grand Sire, Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer invested the surplus funds in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in Maryland state six per cent. securities, and deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a certificate for the same, for the sum of three thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars forty-six cents.

The chairs, corresponding in style and convenience with the desks already provided for the use of the Grand Representatives, for which the appropriation was made in the eleventh resolution have been procured, and are now present for the accommodation of the Representatives. The appropriation authorized, has been unavoidably exceeded by the sum of sixty-four dollars, for which your approbation is asked.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Session, the Correspond-

ing Secretary closed the contract authorized in the twelfth resolution with Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell, for the copy-right and stereotype plates of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in so far as those brethren were the proprietors of the same. The terms and stipulations indicated in the resolution were conformed to on the part of the proprietors, and the certificate of the Grand Representatives of the State of New York evidencing their examination of the plates, and their perfect condition and state of preservation is now on file in this office. In consideration of which the undersigned delivered to Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell the corporate notes of the Grand Lodge of the United States at one, two and three years, for five hundred dollars each, bearing date 17th January, 1848. The plates have been safely delivered, the copy-right assigned and the value of two hundred dollars worth of bound copies of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States have been also received. This purchase not having entirely extinguished individual proprietorship in the Journal, the undersigned in pursuance of a contract made last year with James Young, the printer of the Journal for September Session, 1847, obtained from him, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Representatives of Maryland, of the proper condition of the plates, a surrender to the Grand Lodge of the United States of his copy-right and stereotype plates for that Journal by the proper assignments, upon the payment to him of the sum of one hundred and sixty-one dollars eighty-seven cents—being the cost of the stereotype plates. The absolute right of property in the Journal is, therefore, fully vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and two volumes being now completed with an Index to the whole, it will be proper for you to fix the price per volume at which the work shall be sold, and to provide by law for its revision in the event of a reprint of the same.

The thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth resolutions provide for the copy-right, printing and distribution of the Digest of Laws passed at the last Session, also for the printing, stereotyping and copy-righting the Journal from 1843 to the close of the last Session, for the performance of which duty a committee was appointed to act with the Corresponding Secretary.

In relation to this subject, I beg to report that a supplement to the Digest was prepared by the committee charged with the subject at the last Session, under authority of resolution page 1096, vol. II Journal, which together with the original Digest was copy righted in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was placed by the undersigned in the hands of Bro. Grand Representative Stokes, of Pa., chairman of the committee appointed with the Corresponding Secretary, immediately after the close of the last Session. The committee with the concurrence of the Corresponding Secretary, contracted on 4th November, 1847, with Messrs. Curtis & Gihon, of Philadelphia, for printing an edition of ten thousand copies for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, and for binding the same with David H. Gihon, for seven and a half

cents per copy, to be completed and delivered by the first day of January, 1848. This work was not delivered until the first day of March, 1848, and hence the delay in its distribution.

Much complaint has been made by the brotherhood, and not without just cause, at the delay in the publication and distribution of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the undersigned is much inconvenienced in the superintendence of the printing, and correction of proof sheets by the plan heretofore adopted in the disposition of the contract for printing. Considerable time elapses after the Session before the committee close the contract, and when closed, the work is seldom delivered at the time specified in the contract. To correct this condition of things for the future, I respectfully recommend that a law be passed directing the Grand Secretary to invite proposals for printing the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the usual form, to be transmitted to his office under seal previous to or during the Session, to be opened only and examined by a committee to be appointed for that purpose, in order that the contract may thus receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge. This course it is believed would save much time in the printing, which is by the present system unreasonably delayed.

The printing of the Journal from 1843 to 1847 inclusive, was not authorized, for the reason that a sufficient supply was on hand to meet the probable sales, and for the still more important reason, that, in the opinion of the undersigned whenever it shall become necessary to reprint the Journal, important corrections will be necessary in the stereotype plates.

The sixteenth and seventeenth resolutions were promptly complied with immediately after the close of the Session. The final card plate having become much worn by use, the Corresponding Secretary caused the same to be retouched at the cost of fifty dollars, an edition of ten thousand copies of which has since been struck from the plate, with a much improved appearance.

No necessity has existed during the year to cause any printing of the work, other than one thousand copies of the charge book as already intimated, and fifty thousand copies of the odes.

The undersigned after the reiteration of the law of the last Session, prohibiting the printing of any part of the work of the Order, including the odes, has to express his sincere regret that in some of the state jurisdictions the odes continue to be printed. In the expectation that the law would be respected an abundant supply of odes was provided, and now remain on hand; this stock will become a loss to the Grand Lodge of the United States unless some legislation be adopted to enforce a compliance with existing laws.

The expense incident to the purchase of the supplies indicated above, and the printing authorized have been paid for, vouchers for which will be submitted by the Grand Treasurer, and being disbursed unavoidably and without any special authority, are submitted for your examination and approbation.

The Digest of Laws has been sold to Grand Lodges and Grand

Encampments upon the usual terms, and to individuals for cash; the sales having nearly exhausted the edition on hand, the undersigned authorized a new edition of five thousand copies upon the same terms and by the same contractors, no part of which has yet been received. A detailed statement of the sales of the Digest is herewith presented.—(Doc. A.)

The correspondence of the office since your adjournment has been voluminous with District Deputy Grand Sires, the officers of the several state jurisdictions and our sister government, the Grand Lodge of British North America, from which the undersigned presents the following brief exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order during the year:

Foreign Relations.—The correspondence with the Grand Lodge of British North America has been highly gratifying. The Order is in a prosperous condition in that jurisdiction, a detailed report in relation to which, may be expected from the special Representative accredited to that body by resolution of the last Session.

In the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the following condensed abstract will exhibit the progress of the Order since the last Session:

Michigan.—The Order in this state continues to prosper, the annual report shows an increase of twelve lodges and an addition of eight hundred to the membership.

Vermont.—The Grand Lodge of this state has been instituted during the recess, and appears at this Session by Representative. The Order is advancing with healthful rapidity in this jurisdiction.

Maine.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment evince the continued increase and prosperity of the Order in Maine.

Massachusetts.—Odd-Fellowship is no where more prosperous than in this commonwealth. The able reports of the efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe are made with great care and precision, and justly commend him to the regard of the brotherhood of Massachusetts.

New Hampshire.—Since the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States four new lodges and one encampment have been instituted in New Hampshire, and a wholesome increase of membership has taken place.

Rhode Island.—The report of D. D. Grand Sire Webster exhibits a healthy condition in the Patriarchal branch, and the Grand Lodge report evinces general prosperity.

Connecticut.—The Order is in a highly gratifying condition in Connecticut, as appears by the annual reports of the state.

New York.—Odd-Fellowship has continued to increase in this vast jurisdiction, notwithstanding the untoward circumstances of its domestic government; a detailed report in relation to the condition of the Order in New York will doubtless be made by the Grand Sire.

Pennsylvania.—Large accessions to the Order in both branches continue in this state, and general prosperity pervades the institution.

New Jersey.—The reports from New Jersey evince a healthful condition of the Order, and a large increase in lodges and membership.

Delaware.—Since the last Session a Grand Encampment has been organized by the Grand Sire in person in Delaware. The Grand Lodge has not paused in the rapid career of advancement, reported at the last Session—five new lodges have been opened during the year, and the brotherhood has nearly doubled its members.

Maryland.—The Order in Maryland is rapidly increasing, and entire harmony prevails throughout the brotherhood.

District of Columbia.—All is prosperous in this jurisdiction, and the state of Odd-Fellowship is healthful within its limits.

Virginia.—The annual reports of this state continue to exhibit a growing prosperity in the Order in both branches; eighteen new lodges and four new camps, have been instituted during the year, and the membership has been largely increased, evincing great energy and attention in the administration of the affairs of the state.

North Carolina.—Odd-Fellowship having fallen into the hands of efficient and devoted brethren in North Carolina, has without interruption continued to advance, if not as rapidly and diffusively as in other jurisdictions, certainly with not less stability and general healthfulness.

South Carolina.—The efficient Grand Secretary of South Carolina continues to be a valued correspondent of this office, and his annual report, always made in due time, presents the Order in that jurisdiction in its usual prosperous condition. The Patriarchal department is also highly prosperous.

Georgia.—Odd-Fellowship continues to occupy an elevated position in public opinion in this state, and the general interests of the Order within its borders, confided as they have been, to energetic agents, continue to advance—ten new lodges have been formed during the past year.

Florida.—This state has had a gratifying increase of lodges and membership during the past year. There are five lodges and two encampments within the jurisdiction, and it is in contemplation to organize a Grand Lodge at an early period.

Mississippi.—A Grand Encampment has been instituted in Mississippi during the recess, in pursuance of the grant of the last Session. The annual report has been made and a Grand Representative will be present in its behalf. The affairs of the Grand Lodge have also prospered, as will abundantly appear from the report of the efficient Grand Secretary of that state. Eleven new lodges have been instituted since the last annual report.

Alabama.—A Grand Encampment has been instituted in this state by warrant from the Grand Sire, directed to P. G. Representative Charles W. Whitall, of La., to whom the Grand Lodge of the United States is indebted for its organization. The Grand Lodge report exhibits a healthy state of Odd-Fellowship.

Louisiana.—A Grand Encampment has also been instituted in this state during the recess by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Sire,

upon proper application, and the annual report of the Grand Lodge indicates a continued increase of lodges and membership.

Missouri.—The annual reports of Missouri have, as usual, been made in due season. From these it appears that in both branches the Order continues to advance its strength in numbers and general usefulness; ten new lodges and over five hundred members have been added to the jurisdiction.

Illinois.—Odd-Fellowship in Illinois appears to have revived in good earnest from its former depressed condition. Fourteen new lodges and an increased membership of seven hundred has been acquired during the past year; the encampment branch under the zealous and successful direction of D. D. Grand Sire John G. Potts, for the Northern, and D. D. Grand Sire Gerard B. Allen, for the Southern district, has had a large increase since the last reports of these officers. There are now eleven Subordinate Encampments in healthful condition in the state, and an application is in contemplation for a Grand Encampment. Illinois Encampment, having surrendered its charter to D. D. Grand Sire Wilson, has ceased to exist, and Chicago Camp, No. 10, has been instituted in its stead.

Indiana.—The Order in Indiana is every where prosperous. A Grand Encampment has been instituted in virtue of the grant of last Session, for valuable service in the organization of which, the Grand Lodge of the United States is indebted to P. G. Representative J. P. Chapman, upon whom the duty of instituting the same was devolved by special deputation from the Grand Sire.

Ohio.—This state has become the fourth in the Order in strength, and by reason of the efficiency of its state administration, has been for several years rapidly gaining upon her elder sisters New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. It will be a source of pride to the Grand Lodge of the United States to witness the steady advance of this great state in our confederacy.

Kentucky.—Odd-Fellowship has had a great increase in Kentucky during the year. The Reports from the State indicate the highest degree of prosperity. In the number of lodges, initiations, membership, amount of revenue and relief, this State has nearly doubled its work of the year 1846-7.

Tennessee.—The Corresponding Secretary has had but little correspondence with this state during the year, but has learnt that the Order continues to prosper in both branches in Tennessee.

Arkansas.—In this State the Order is in a very much improved condition. Four lodges and one encampment now exist within its borders, all of which are in a healthful condition. The Reports are regularly made. Upon the formation of a Grand Lodge in the State, the advance of the Order will become rapid.

Wisconsin.—The Order is highly prosperous in Wisconsin—all is harmony within the State, and Odd-Fellowship is covering its entire surface. D. D. G. Sire Wilson continues to impart his invaluable aid in the direction of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, and to facili-

tate the communications of this office with the Subordinates to this jurisdiction in that State.

Iowa.—The Lodges of Iowa having harmonized upon the location of the State Grand Lodge, made a proper application for a grand warrant, which by authority of the Grand Sire was issued to D. D. G. Sire Jno. G. Potts, of Illinois, by whom the grand body was instituted at Bloomington. The Order has had a prosperous season in that jurisdiction, and the State appears at this session by a grand representative.

Texas.—The Order in Texas is improving as rapidly as could be expected. This state will doubtless now assume its proper rank in the confederacy.

Sandwich Islands.—A Report has been received from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in the town of Hononlulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian. This lodge was confirmed in its warrant under this jurisdiction, by resolution of last session. The Report indicates general prosperity in the Lodge. Advice having been received of the death of Bro. Watson, acting as D. D. G. S. for that district, a commission was issued by direction of the Grand Sire to Bro. A. Ten Eyck, as the successor of Bro. Watson. An application is herewith submitted from this Lodge, praying the aid of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the matter therein referred to.

Venezuela.—The warrant authorized by resolution of last session, to Venezuela Lodge, No. 1, at Caracas, Province of Venezuela, South America, was issued in October, 1847, to Bro. P. G. Matthew Purdin, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Maryland, who was specially deputed to institute the same. This Brother has reported that in consequence of the revolutionary state of the country, he deemed it prudent to defer the organization of the lodge.

Oregon.—The Lodge, Oregon, No. 1, designed to be located at the city of Oregon, in the territory of Oregon, has not been opened, as heretofore reported by the undersigned. Very recently information has been received of the appointment by the Government of a number of civil officers for the territory of Oregon, who are anxious to carry Odd-Fellowship with them into that distant part of our country. An application has been received from a distinguished member of the Order, appointed to the revenue service in Oregon, asking to be entrusted with plenary powers to institute lodges in that Territory. No authority residing in the Executive officers to grant this request, it is respectfully referred to the Grand Lodge, with an earnest recommendation that favorable legislation be had on the subject.

The Journal of the last session and the Digest, when received from the printer, were promptly forwarded to the grand representatives and officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their respective post-offices, and the quota of the Journal authorized by law for the State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was also dispatched to each of these bodies at an early moment thereafter. Article 5 sec. 1 of the Digest, page 18, prescribes

the duty of the Recording Secretary in the distribution of the Journal. It is provided that there shall be sent "to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment twice as many copies of the Journal as it has Subordinates under its jurisdiction." In order to comply with this law, it has been usual for the Committee on Printing to contract for printing twice the number of copies of the Journal for distribution among the States as there are Subordinate Lodges and Encampments returned in their respective annual reports. It frequently happens that many new lodges and encampments are formed in the States after the preparation of the annual reports, for which bodies no copies of the Journal are on hand. It is respectfully suggested that provision be made to supply this deficiency.

Accompanying this Report is submitted for your approbation the Constitution and By-Laws of the immediate Subordinates to this jurisdiction, and also of several of the Grand Lodges and Encampments, received at this office during the recess. I also present copies of the printed Journals of several of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, and respectfully repeat the suggestion heretofore offered, that an appropriation be made for the collection, binding and preservation of the Journals of each of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Warrants have been issued in pursuance of law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, during the recess,

FOR GRAND LODGES.*

Vermont, at Montpelier
Iowa, at Bloomington.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.*

Mississippi, at Natchez.
Louisiana, at New Orleans.
Indiana, at Indianapolis.
Alabama, at Mobile.
Delaware, at Wilmington.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Leon,	-	-	-	-	-	No. 5, Talahassee, Florida.
Frontier,	-	-	-	-	-	" 3, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
	-	-	-	-	-	" 4, Batesville, "
Manitou,	-	-	-	-	-	" 8, Tipton, Iowa.
Ottumwa,	-	-	-	-	-	" 9, Ottumwa, "
Henry,	-	-	-	-	-	" 10, Mt. Pleasant, "
Venezuela,†	-	-	-	-	-	" 1, Caracas, S. America.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Lone Star,	-	-	-	-	No. 1, Galveston, Texas.
Mount Hobah,	-	-	-	-	" 5, Gainesville, Alabama.
Greene,	-	-	-	-	" 6, Eutaw, "
Halcyon,	-	-	-	-	" 7, Prattville, "
	-	-	-	-	" 8, Marion, "

*Accounts of the institution of these bodies, so far as we have returns, will be found at page 1225.

†A warrant was sent, but the Lodge never instituted.

Eureka, - - - - -	No. 2, Burlington, Iowa,
State, - - - - -	" 3, Davenport, "
Prairie, - - - - -	" 4, Bloomington, "
Good Samaritan, - - - - -	" 5, Iowa City, "
Iowa, - - - - -	" 6, Fairfield.
Sussex, - - - - -	" 4, Georgetown, Delaware.
Manchester, - - - - -	" 4, Providence, R. Island.
Ascutney, - - - - -	" 2, Windsor, Vermont.
Green Mountain, - - - - -	" 3, Middleburg, "
Rock River, - - - - -	" 3, Janesville, Wisconsin.
Star, - - - - -	" 4, Racine, "
Walworth, - - - - -	" 5, White Water, "
Mount Vernon, - - - - -	" 7, Beardstown, Illinois.
Union, - - - - -	" 8, Collingsville, "
Ridgely, - - - - -	" 9, Jacksonville, "
Chicago, - - - - -	" 10, Chicago, "
Sirion, - - - - -	" 11, Mount Carmel, "

Applications were also received for the institution of Hope Lodge, No. 1, Vera Cruz, Mexico, John G. Potts and Schiller Lodges, Iowa, each of which was from necessity declined, and the charter fee returned—the first on account of the absence of the card of one of the applicants, the two last for want of jurisdiction, the grand warrant for the Grand Lodge of Iowa having been previously issued from this office.

The several applications upon which the above warrants were issued, and the returns of the institution of these bodies, so far as they have been received, are submitted. Herewith is also submitted the annual reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, which comprehend also returns of the organization of lodges and encampments within their respective districts.

Pursuant to Article V, Sec. 1, page 15 Digest, the undersigned respectfully presents "a detailed statement of the accounts of his office, shewing the amounts due to and by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a list of all Grand and Subordinate bodies which have failed to report within two weeks of the annual Session." See documents B. and C. accompanying.

In obedience to the same law requiring the Recording Secretary "to pay over all monies received by him during the recess for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source, and for what object," the following exhibit is made of the receipts of this office during the fiscal year 1847-8. I also present a supplementary statement of the receipts, from what sources and for what objects since the close of the fiscal year up to and inclusive of the first day of the annual Session. The several sums received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year*
1847—1848.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1847. Sept. 26,	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	Warrant.	\$30 00	263
Oct. 2,	Do. of Louisiana.....	"	30 00	271
"	Camp. No. 5, Gainesville, Alabama.....	"	30 00	272
" 8,	Grand Camp., No. 6, " ".....	"	30 00	278
" 16,	Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas.....	"	30 00	279
Dec. 16,	Manitou Lodge, No. 8, Iowa.....	"	30 00	290
" 20,	Star Camp., No. 3, Wisconsin.....	"	30 00	291
" 21,	Halcyon Camp., Iowa.....	"	30 00	292
1848. Jan. 14,	Mt. Vernon Camp., No 7, Illinois.....	"	30 00	297
" 20,	Rock River Camp., Wisconsin.....	"	30 00	301
" 27,	Otunwa Lodge, No. 9, Iowa.....	"	30 00	304
Feb. 7,	State Camp., No 2, ".....	"	30 00	306
"	Henry Lodge, No. 10, ".....	"	30 00	307
Mar. 16,	—— Camp., No. 5, Wisconsin.....	"	30 00	314
"	Hope Lodge, No. 1, Vera Cruz, M x.....	"	30 00	315
"	Ascutney Camp., No. 2, Windsor, Vt.....	"	30 00	317
"	Gr'n Mountain do., No. 3, Middleburg, Vt.....	"	30 00	317
"	Prairie Camp., No. 4, Iowa.....	"	30 00	319
Apr. 5,	Manchester Camp., No. 4, R. I.....	"	30 00	325
May 5,	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	30 00	329
"	—— Camp., No. 8, Alabama.....	"	30 00	330
" 30	Pensacola Lodge.....	"	64 02	330
June 10,	Collingsville Camp., No. 8, Illinois.....	"	30 00	340
" 13,	Ridgely Camp, No. 9, ".....	"	30 00	343
" 26,	Good Samaritan Camp., No. 5, Iowa.....	"	30 00	348
July 28,	Independence Lodge, No. 4, Arkansas...	"	30 00	362
" 30,	Chicago Camp., No. 10, Illinois.....	"	30 00	378
" 30,	Sirion Camp., No. 11, ".....	"	30 00	385
"	Grand Camp. of Delaware.....	"	30 00	392
"	Iowa Camp., No. 6, Iowa.....	"	30 00	393
Total for Warrants.....			\$934 02	
1847. Sept. 23,	D. D. G. S. W. Williams, for Camps. in Ga.	Dues.	\$60 00	261
"	Do. W. D. Wilson, Wisconsin, "	"	161 00	262
"	Do. do. do.	"	42 00	264
" 27,	Sinsinawa Lodge, Iowa.	"	11 20	269
Nov. 15,	Halcyon Camp, ".....	"	14 00	282
1848. Jan. 23,	Narraganset Camp., R. Island.....	"	16 30	302
"	Mosshassuck Camp., do.....	"	21 72	302
"	Palestine Camp., do.....	"	4 10	302
"	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida.....	"	8 00	303
Feb. 20,	Jefferson Lodge, do.....	"	51 00	310
Mar 16,	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas.....	"	46 10	313
"	Far West Lodge, do.	"	7 74	313
Apr. 3,	Kosciusko Lodge, Iowa.....	"	18 00	323
" 10,	Davenport Lodge, do.....	"	23 91	326
"	Harmony Lodge, do.....	"	38 61	326
" 14,	Washington Lodge, do.....	"	22 67	327
"	Muscatine Lodge, do.....	"	23 75	327
May 16,	Wilkey Encampment, La.	"	66 58	332
" 22,	Wilkey Encampment, Indiana.....	"	3 72	334
"	Bethlehem Encampment, do.....	"	10 91	334
"	Sherlock Encampment, do.....	"	40 76	334
"	Metropolitan Encampment, do.....	"	3 80	334
"	Wabash Encampment, do.....	"	38 41	334

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	v.
1848. May 23,	Lead Mine Encampment, Illinois.....	Dues.	\$9 72 337	
"	Kreosanqua Lodge, Iowa.....	"	15 58 337	
"	Halcyon Camp., do.....	"	10 88 337	
June 5,	Calumet Camp., N. C.....	"	4 35 339	
" 14	Lead Mine Camp., Illinois.....	"	18 00 343	
July 8,	Jefferson Lodge, Iowa.....	"	19 00 352	
" 17,	Tombigbee Camp., Miss.....	"	22 00 356	
" 30,	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas.....	"	48 51 362	
"	Illinois Camp., Ill.....	"	16 37 366	
"	Lone Star Camp., Texas.....	"	27 50 369	
"	Allen Camp., No. 4, Illinois.....	"	27 54 370	
"	Wilson Camp., No. 2, Wisconsin.....	"	7 32 373	
"	Do. do. do.....	"	18 75 373	
"	Star Lodge, No. 4, do.....	"	10 67 373	
"	Racine Lodge, No. 1, do.....	"	13 60 373	
"	Do. do. do.....	"	13 59 373	
"	Narragansett Camp., R. I.....	"	28 55 376	
"	Mossashuck Camp., do.....	"	16 08 375	
"	Wilkey Camp., No. 1, Mississippi.....	"	14 40 376	
"	Vicksburg Camp., No. 2, do.	"	8 40 376	
"	Choctaw Camp., No. 3, do.	"	3 00 376	
"	Woodville Camp., No. 4, do.	"	13 14 376	
"	Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas.....	"	15 00 377	
"	Delaware Camp., No. 1, Delaware.....	"	36 60 381	
"	Subordinate Camps. in Georgia.....	"	36 00 382	
"	Subordinate Lodges of Florida.....	"	20 00 383	
"	Hobah Camp., Louisiana.....	"	34 85 388	
"	Magnolia Camp., do.	"	17 25 388	
"	Eagle Camp., No. — Arkansas.....	"	7 00 389	
Total for dues.....			\$1,267 93	
1847. Sept. 23,	Grand Camp., New York.....	Books.	\$72 00 257	
"	Do. Pennsylvania.....	"	68 00 258	
"	Do. Connecticut.....	"	6 00 260	
" 27,	Do. District of Columbia....	"	12 00 267	
"	Covenant, in pamphlets.....	"	2 00 268	
"	Grand Camp. of Georgia.....	"	2 00 270	
Oct. 2,	Do. of Louisiana.....	"	10 00 271	
Nov. 5,	Pamphlet copy of Journal, 1844.....	"	0 25 281	
"	Grand Camp. of North Carolina.....	"	4 00 273	
" 10,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	10 00 281	
" 30,	Illini Lodge, Illinois, (Digests).....	"	1 00 283	
Dec. 24,	Digests at office.....	"	0 50 293	
" 27,	Bro. Alex. E. Glenn, of Ohio, (Digests).	"	25 00 294	
1848. Jan. 31,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	72 00 305	
Feb. 14,	Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00 308	
"	Do. do. (Digests).	"	100 00 303	
"	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....	"	84 00 308	
" 19,	Do. of Connecticut (Digests) ..	"	25 00 309	
"	Bros. Magee & Kneass, of Phila. do. ..	"	25 00 309	
Mar. 3,	Bro. A. E. Glenn, of Ohio do. ..	"	25 00 311	
" 7,	Digests at office.....	"	5 12 312	
" 16,	Do do.	"	1 00 316	
"	Vol. 1 Journal G. L. U. S.....	"	2 00 318	
"	Digest (one copy).....	"	0 37 318	

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848. Apr. 5,	Digest (one copy).....	Books.	\$0 37	324
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	30 00	328
May 17,	Bros. Magee & Co. do. (Digests).....	"	25 00	333
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Ohio, do.	"	31 50	335
"	Do. do. Journals G. L. U. S.	"	18 00	335
"		"		345
" 27,	F. A. Dentzall, N. Orleans (Digests)....	"	25 00	338
"	Pensacola Lodge do.	"	4 88	338
June 10,	Grand Camp. of Missouri.....	"	13 50	342
" 24,	Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	6 50	346
"	Do. do. (Digests).	"	25 00	346
" 26,	Bros. Curtis & Norcross do.	"	100 00	347
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	50 00	349
"	Do. do. (Digests)....	"	25 00	349
July 10,	Myrtle Lodge, Virginia do.	"	2 00	363
" 14,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	30 00	354
" 24,	Do. of Maine.....	"	27 00	357
"	Do. of Virginia.....	"	54 00	358
"	F. A. Dentzail, N. Orleans (Digests)....	"	25 00	359
" 25,	Grand Lodge of S. Carolina do.	"	50 00	360
" 30,	Do. of Mississippi.....	"	98 00	364
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	39 00	365
"	Do. of Michigan (Digests)....	"	25 00	370
"	Grand Encampment of N. Jersey.....	"	26 75	372
"	Do. of Mississippi..	"	39 38	374
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	64 00	380
"	Do. do. (Digests).....	"	81 25	380
"	W. H. Jones, Boston do.	"	50 00	384
"	J. E. Chamberlain, Balt., do.	"	25 00	386
"	Grand Camp. of Louisiana.....	"	36 00	388
Total for Books.....			\$1,679 37	
1847. Sept. 27,	Bro. John W. Stokes.....	Diplomas.	\$9 00	265
"	Grand Camp. of District of Columbia....	"	5 00	267
Oct. 5,	Do. of N. Carolina.....	"	1 00	273
"	One Diploma at office.....	"	1 00	273
" 6,	Do. do.	"	1 00	280
Nov. 5,	Do. do.	"	1 00	281
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	37 50	283
" 22,	Do. of S. Carolina.....	"	18 75	285
" 29,	Bros. Magee & Kneass.....	"	72 00	287
1848. Jan. 31,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	20 00	305
Apr. 5,	One Diploma.....	"	1 00	324
May 22,	Grand Camp. of Ohio.....	"	24 00	336
July 30,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	75 00	364
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	4 00	365
"	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	"	6 00	374
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia	"	75 00	380
"	One Diploma.....	"	1 00	385
Sept. 9,	Jas. A. Forbes, Va.....	"	2 00	391
Total for Diplomas.....			\$354 25	

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DATE.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE	AMOUNT.	V.
1847. Sept. 27,	Grand Camp., Dist. of Columbia.....	Cards.	\$15 00	267
Oct. 5,	Do. N. Carolina.....	"	2 00	273
Nov. 10,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	25 00	281
" 19,	Do. of Ohio.....	"	50 00	283
" 29,	Ridgely Lodge, Mississippi.....	"	2 10	286
Dec. 3,	Windsor Lodge, Vermont.....	"	2 50	289
1848. Jan. 14,	Tombigbee Camp., Miss.....	"	5 00	295
" 20,	Vermont Lodge, Vermont.....	"	5 00	299
"	Ascutney Camp., do.	"	3 00	308
Feb. 14,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	150 00	300
"	Grand Camp. do.	"	25 00	303
Mar. 30,	Winooskie Camp., Vermont.....	"	3 00	322
Apr. 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	60 00	328
May 22,	Do. of Ohio.....	"	100 00	335
"	Pensacola Lodge.....	"	3 00	330
June 26,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	150 00	347
" 28,	Do. of Kentucky.....	"	20 00	349
July 17,	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vt.....	"	2 00	355
" 24,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	75 00	357
" 28,	D. D. G. S. Norton, Arkansas.....	"	2 50	363
" 30,	Grand Lodge, Mississippi.....	"	60 00	364
"	Do. Delaware....	"	15 00	365
"	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vt.....	"	3 00	367
"	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	"	32 50	374
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	20 00	380
Total for Cards.....			\$830 60	
1847. Sept. 23,	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania..... 1847	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00	258
" 23,	Do. of Tennessee.....	"	20 00	259
" 27,	Do. of Georgia.....	"	20 00	266
"	Do. of Dist. Columbia... 1846-7	"	40 00	267
1848. Jan. 20,	Do. of Maine..... 1847	"	20 00	298
May 22,	Do. of Ohio... 1848	"	40 00	336
		"		345
Apr. 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	40 00	328
June 10,	Grand Camp. of Missouri..... 1847-8	"	40 00	342
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Ohio..... 1848	"	40 00	345
"	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....	"	40 00	346
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	40 00	349
July 25,	Do. of S. Carolina.....	"	40 00	360
" 30,	Do. of Mississippi.....	"	40 00	364
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	40 00	365
"	Do. of Michigan.....	"	40 00	371
"	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	"	20 00	374
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	40 00	380
"	Grand Camp. of Louisiana.....	"	20 00	388
"	Do. of Missouri.....	"	20 00	387
"	Do. of Kentucky.....	"	20 00	379
Sept. 9,	Grand Camp. of Maryland.....	"	40 00	399
Total for Representative Tax.....			\$700 00	
1848. Jan. 20,	Grand Camp. of Maine.....	Balances.	\$30 00	298
June 10,	Do. of Virginia.....	"	17 75	341
" 30,	Grand Lodge of District Columbia.....	"	100 00	361

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DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-PLACE-STATE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848. Jun. 30,	Grand Encampment of N. J.....	Balances.	\$53 25	372
"	Do. Maryland.....	"	10 00	390
	Total Balance.....		\$211 00	
1847. Nov. 19,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	Odes.	\$3 00	283
1848. Jan. 31,	Do. of Michigan.....	"	4 00	305
Feb. 14,	Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	10 00	308
Apr. 5,	Bro. Jas. Thorington, Iowa.....	"	62	324
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	4 00	328
"	At office.....	"	75	328
May 22,	G. Rep. J. P. Chapman.....	"	75	334
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	10 00	335
June 28,	Do. of Kentucky.....	"	2 00	349
" 30,	Do. of Virginia.....	"	2 00	353
"	Do. of S. Carolina.....	"	30 00	360
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	10 00	365
"	Ocean Lodge, Md.....	"	75	368
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	1 00	380
"	Grand Camp. of Maryland.....	"	2 00	390
	Total for Odes.....		\$80 87	
1847. Nov. 19,	12 mos. int. on Ohio State Stock, \$6,400 00	Miscell's.	\$384 00	284
1848. Jan. 6,	3 mos. do. on Maryland do. 3,274 46	"	49 12	296
May 9,	3 mos. do. do. do.	"	49 12	331
July 7,	3 mos. do. do. do.	"	40 94	350
"	12 mos. do. Ohio do.	"	384 00	351
"	Surplus credit G. L. of Delaware.....	"	2 50	365
	Total for Miscellaneous.....		\$909 68	
	Total amount.....		\$6.895 82	

Supplementary Statement, showing the Receipts of the Grand Secretary after the termination of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 1848.

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848. Sept. 16,	Grand Camp. of Indiana.....	Warrants.	\$30 00	399
1848. Sept. 14,	Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas.....	Dues.	\$11 00	396
" 15,	Halcyon Camp., Iowa.....	"	10 35	397
" 18,	Reynolds Camp., Delaware.....	"	30 18	414
"	D. D. G. Sire Ballou, for account of Sub-ordinate Lodges in Vermont as follows:			
"	Green Mountain Lodge.....	"	21 84	418
"	Vermont, No. 2.....	"	40 10	
"	Windsor, No. 3.....	"	30 85	
"	White River, No. 4.....	"	17 82	
"	Wantastiquet, No. 5.....	"	20 25	
"	Caledonia, No. 6.....	"	15 64	
"	Social, No. 7.....	"	6 54	
"	Vergennes, No. 8.....	"	18 74	
"	Starke, No. 9.....	"	32 67	

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848. Sept. 18,	Otter Creek, No. 10.....	Dues.	10 05	418
"	Lake Dunmore.....	"	29 43	
"	Winooskie Camp.....	"	10 00	
"	Ascutney Camp.....	"	28 12	
" 20,	Lead Mine Camp., Illinois.....	"	12 48	424
"	Palestine Camp., No. 3, R. I.....	"	80	424
			\$346 83	
1848 Sept. 11,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	Rep. Tax.	40 00	394
" 14,	Grand Camp of Virginia.....	"	20 00	395
" 15,	do. of Indiana.....	"	20 00	399
"	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	40 00	400
"	do. of Maryland.....	"	40 00	401
"	do. of Alabama.....	"	40 00	402
" 16,	do. of Rhode Island.....	"	40 00	404
"	Grand Camp of New Hampshire.....	"	20 00	405
"	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	40 00	406
" 18,	do. of New Hampshire.....	"	40 00	407
"	Grand Camp of Massachusetts.....	"	40 00	408
"	do. of Michigan '47 & '48.....	"	40 00	411
"	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania '48.....	"	40 00	410
"	do. of Vermont '48.....	"	20 00	412
"	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	"	20 00	413
"	Grand Lodge of N. Carolina '48.....	"	40 00	415
"	Grand Encampment of N. Carolina '48...	"	20 00	416
"	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts '48.....	"	40 00	417
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	40 00	419
"	Grand Camp of do.	"	20 00	420
"	Do. Maine.....	"	20 00	421
"	Do. New Jersey.....	"	40 00	422
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	40 00	423
"	Grand Camp. of do.	"	20 00	423
"	Do. of Georgia.....	"	20 00	425
			\$800 00	
1848. Sept. 15,	Grand Camp of Indiana.....	Cards.	\$25 00	399
"	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	115 00	401
"	Do. of Alabama....	"	26 00	402
"	Do. of Rhode Island.....	"	37 50	404
"	Do. of New Hampshire.....	"	30 00	407
" 18,	Grand Camp of Mass.....	"	35 00	408
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	75 00	409
"	Do. of Mass.	"	150 00	417
" 19,	Do. Tennessee.....	"	40 00	419
"	Grand Camp. of New Jersey.....	"	17 50	422
Total.....			\$551 00	
1848, Sept. 14,	Grand Camp of Virginia.....	Books.	18 00	395
"	Do. of Indiana.....	"	90 00	399
" 18,	Grand Lodge of Indiana (Digests.).....	"	250 00	400
"	Do. of Maryland.....	"	58 00	401
"	Do. Do. Digests.....	"	25 00	401
"	Do. of Alabama.....	"	76 55	402

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS--STATE--PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848.Sept. 18,	Do. of Rhode Island (Digests.)	Books.	25 00	404
"	Grand Camp of New Hampshire.....	"	3 00	405
"	Grand Lodge of Do.	"	20 00	407
"	Do. of Pennsylvania (Digests.)	"	100 00	410
"	Do. Do. (Ch. Books.)	"	10 00	410
"	Do. of Mass. (Ch. Books.)	"	22 00	417
"	Do. Tennessee.....	"	172 25	419
" 19,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	25 25	422
"	Total,.....		\$895 05	
1848.Sept.15,	D. D. G. S. A. B. Coleman, of Louisiana,	Balances.	\$120 00	398
"	Grand Lodge of Indiana,.....	"	125 00	400
16,	Grand Camp of New Hampshire,.....	"	40 00	405
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	37 50	419
	Total for balances,.....		\$322 50	
1848.Sept.15,	Grand Lodge of Maryland,.....	Odes.	\$12 00	401
"	do. do. of Alabama,.....	"	8 00	402
"	do. do. of Ohio,.....	"	10 00	409
"	do. do. of Pennsylvania,.....	"	50 00	410
	Total for Odes,		\$80 00	
1848.Set. 5,	Grand Lodge of Maryland,.....	Diplomas.	\$10 00	401
"	Reynold Camp, Delaware,.....	"	1 00	403
"	Wm. Warren,.....	"	1 00	403
	Total for Diplomas,.....		\$12 00	

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	\$934 00
		Supplementary	- - - -	30 00
DUES,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	1267 93
		Supplementary	- - - -	346 83
REPRESENTATIVE TAX,	- -	Statement	- - - -	700 00
		Supplementary	- - - -	800 00
CARDS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	830 60
		Supplementary	- - - -	551 00
BOOKS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	1679 31
		Supplementary	- - - -	895 05
BALANCES,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	211 00
		Supplementary	- - - -	322 50
ODES,	- - r - - -	Statement	- - - -	80 87
		Supplementary	- - - -	80 00
DIPLOMAS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	354 25
		Supplementary	- - - -	12 00
MISCELLANEOUS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	909 68
		Supplementary	- - - -	21 50
		Total,	- - - -	\$9903 42

The Revenue for the current year, it will be seen, is less by the sum of \$436.36 than that of the last year.

The unappropriated available balance in the Treasury at the last session was \$5,305.08, of which amount, in obedience to the resolution directing the same, the sum of \$2,800 was invested as has already been stated, by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasury in State of Maryland six per cent bonds, a certificate for which, in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, amounting at par to \$3,274.46, was deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. The amount invested, \$2,800, was deemed by the Grand officers to be as much as could be safely withdrawn from the Treasury, in view of the disbursements necessary for printing the Journal, and printing and binding an edition of 10,000 copies of the Digest.

The supply of charge books, odes, cards and diploma charters, having been exhausted during the year, it became necessary to meet the wants of the Order, to replenish this stock; accordingly the undersigned contracted for printing 1000 copies of that work, also for printing 50,000 copies of the odes, 34,000 cards and seventy-five charters, or blank diplomas—all of which have been delivered and paid for.

The exercise of authority not clearly warranted by law is at all times an act of great responsibility, however unavoidable the necessity which may prompt it, and, unless restrained, is apt to grow into abuse. The undersigned would gladly be relieved from the necessity which imposes such responsibility upon him, and ventures to suggest that some legislation be adopted to avoid the exhaustion of supplies in the recess, and thus to remove all necessity for disbursing any of the funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States without special authority. In connexion with this subject, I beg to report, that the supply of Degree Books on hand will not suffice for the coming year.

All special appropriations made at the last session and the current expenses of the Grand Lodge have been discharged, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 13th September, 1848, of \$1,976.58, which will be considerably augmented by the receipts of the session.

The finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are in a prosperous condition. With a large property on hand, a respectable permanent investment, and a considerable outstanding indebtedness to her, she is comparatively free from debt. It may, therefore, in view of this exhibit of the finances of the Grand Lodge of the U. States, be supposed that a reduction in the revenue ought to be made. I deem it my duty on this subject to remark for the information of the Representatives, that the permanent fund of the G. Lodge of the United States has arisen principally from the sales of the Revised Work and the Digest of Laws, and not from the ordinary sources of revenue; that the charter and per centage fees from subordinates to this jurisdiction, which have heretofore formed a large source of revenue, will soon entirely cease.

The regular Tabular Statement accompanying the Report of the Cor. Secretary, made up from the Annual Reports of the State Grand Lodges, I regret to say, in consequence of the failure of three Grand Lodges to report, does not present even a proximate

exhibit of the work during the past year, or of the present actual strength of the Order.

The above comprising, it is believed, the various subjects upon which it is made the duty of the Cor. Secretary to communicate with the Grand Lodge of the United States, the undersigned, in closing his Report, begs to congratulate the assembled Representatives upon the continued prosperity of the Order, whose interests are by the constitution and laws entrusted to their keeping.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. & R. Secretary.*

Documents accompanying Report of Grand C. and R. Secretary.

(DOCUMENT B.)

DUE BY STATE GRAND LODGES TO GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Massachusetts, Books,	\$16 00	Iowa,	Books,	\$20 00	
New York, Balance,	\$196 38		Cards,	30 00	
Cards,	250 00		Odes,	10 00	
Books,	264 50		R. Tax, '48,	20 00	
	710 88				\$80 00
Pennsylvania, Books,	100 00	Ohio,	Books,		192 00
Cards,	150 00	New Jersey,	Balance,	84 00	
	250 00		Cards,	200 00	
D. of Columbia, Balance,	4 00		Books,	80 00	
Digests,	25 00		Digests,	125 00	
Cards,	20 00		Odes,	4 00	
R. Tax, '48,	40 00		R. Tax, '48,	40 00	
	89 00	Kentucky,	Cards,		533 00
Louisiana, Cards,	50 00	Virginia,	Cards,	20 00	75 00
Books,	20 00		Books,	1 00	
Odes,	12 00				21 00
	82 00	Indiana,	Cards,		70 00
Illinois, Cards,	70 00	Alabama,	Cards,		39 00
Books,	40 00	North Carolina,	Books,	24 00	
Digests,	87 50		Cards,	25 00	
	197 50		Digests,	2 12	
Connecticut, Balance,	60 00				51 12
Cards,	195 00	Maine,	Cards,	50 00	
Books,	96 50		Books,	23 00	
R. Tax, '47,	40 00		Digests,	38 50	
Digests,	25 00		Odes,	2 00	
	416 50		R. Tax, '48,	40 00	
Tennessee, Odes,	10 00				153 00
Diplomas,	75 00	Michigan,	Cards,	1 25	
	85 00		Odes,	20 00	
Wisconsin, Diplomas,	25 00				21 25
Books,	96 00	Vermont,	Cards,	50 00	
Cards,	67 50		Books,	24 00	
R. Tax, '47,	20 00		Digests,	3 00	
Odes,	10 00				77 00
Digests,	50 00				
	268 50				\$4,216 50

(DOCUMENT C.)

DUE BY GRAND ENCAMPMENTS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE U. STATES.

New York	Books,	\$72 50	N. Carolina,	Books,	\$4 00
	Cards,	50 00		Diploma,	1 00
	Digests,	6 25		Cards,	2 00
	R. Tax, '48	40 00			<u>\$7 00</u>
		<u>\$168 75</u>	Maine,	Balance,	36 00
Pennsylvania,	Books,	36 00	Indiana,	Cards,	5 00
Kentucky,	Bal.	97 87	Michigan,	Books,	42 50
	Cards,	15 00		Diplomas,	10 00
	Books,	12 00		Cards,	15 00
		<u>124 87</u>			<u>67 50</u>
S. Carolina,	Cards,	2 50	Tennessee,	Books,	24 00
D. of Columb.,	Cards,	12 50		Cards,	30 00
	R. Tax, '48,	20 00			<u>54 00</u>
		<u>32 50</u>	Alabama,	R. Tax, '48,	20 00
					<u>\$630 47</u>

INSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.

Grand Lodge of Iowa.—This body was instituted at Bloomington, May 1st, 1848, and the following officers installed: J. W. Gardner, M. W. G. M.; Amos Mathews, R. W. D. G. M.; Samuel McCormack, R. W. G. Warden; Richard Cadle, R. W. G. Secretary; Joseph Budgeman, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Grand Encampment of Louisiana.—This body was instituted at New Orleans, on February 10th, 1848, and the following officers installed: Rev. Charles W. Whitall, M. W. G. P.; Henry Thomas, Jr., M. E. G. H. P.; George Hooper, R. W. G. S. W.; H. W. Olmstead, R. W. G. S.; S. W. Kirkland, R. W. G. T.; H. P. Andrews, R. W. S. W.

Grand Encampment of Alabama.—This body was instituted at Mobile, June 13th, 1848, and the following officers installed: Robert O. Shaw, G. P.; Wm. E. Jennings, M. E. G. H. P.; Charles M. Hansford, G. S. W.; Samuel Penny, G. Scribe; Sol. J. Jones, G. Treasurer; Robert Cowan, G. J. Warden.

Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas.—This Encampment was instituted November 23d, 1847, and the following officers installed: James Brown, C. P.; L. P. Sunberg, H. P.; William Williamson, S. W.; William M. Casper, J. W.; J. J. Mills, Scribe; Oscar Farish, Treasurer; Isadore Dyer, Sentinel.

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the year ending June 30, 1848.

LODGES.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for the Families.	Amount paid for the Education of Orphanas.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Amount of Relief
G. L. Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	Md.....	46	1622	423	10	737	15	\$56,841 43	7,570	1456	1456	\$1,371 72	\$5,987 03	\$3,733 44	\$3,978 03	\$7,420 22
" Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	Mass.....	124	1137	828	60	1108	2	63,043 12	12,256	1348	1348	27,301 85	1,589 81	60 40	4,618 75	33,570 81
" New York.....	New York.....	N. York	351	2000	490	20	1309	9	98,446 33	15,082	1249	1249	46,210 19	6,283 05	940 89	5,632 91	59,067 04
" Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	308	7647	1004	72	2488	14	173,311 58	29,093	4349	4349	51,170 64	5,946 48	263 48	10,261 46	67,642 06
" Dist. of Columbia.....	Washington.....	D. of C.	13	139	110	2	253	10	6,616 57	1,367	241	241	2,295 00	237 62	179 17	220 75	2,932 54
" Delaware.....	Wilmington.....	Del.....	16	443	54	7	107	8	6,923 56	1,037	170	170	2,152 96	108 95	8 00	290 00	2,569 91
" Ohio.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	111	1907	49	144	921	...	62,388 00	8,067	1297	1297	16,322 70	834 87	19 37	1,693 85	18,880 79
" Louisiana.....	New Orleans.....	La.....	22	566	47	2	142	8	27,734 49	1,594	181	181	4,511 39	120 00	...	1,480 16	6,408 55
" New Jersey.....	Trenton.....	N. J.....	80	1877	136	26	619	10	44,453 40	6,177	775	775	10,460 88	171 00	218 20	1,265 04	12,155 16
" Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	50	959	35	13	419	6	31,515 00	2,435	218	218	5,139 52	96 75	322 39	1,459 30	7,083 27
" Virginia.....	Richmond.....	Va.....	65	1502	238	26	567	9	47,046 20	4,127	589	589	6,183 94	1,301 69	982 81	1,107 88	9,580 32
" Indiana.....	Madison.....	Ind.....	60	754	...	10	341	...	26,156 85	2,273	24	24	4,060 81	...	105 90	664 23	5,178 85
" Mississippi.....	Natchez.....	Miss.....	33	571	38	15	229	8	18,906 45	1,306	101	101	1,664 07	52 12	334 00	440 00	2,490 19
" Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	33	530	60	10	217	7	17,088 96	1,525	174	174	2,471 70	684 38	179 86	445 90	3,890 94
" Illinois.....	Peoria.....	Ill.....	40	823	55	17	180	5	15,651 87	1,720	171	171	1,590 45	274 39	20 00	511 06	2,395 90
" Connecticut.....	New Haven.....	Conn.....	55	1128	159	12	390	8	34,339 21	5,517	725	725	10,888 64	567 72	10 52	1,261 29	12,728 17
" Tennessee.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	38	508	17	7	206	3	21,278 13	1,871	185	185	2,228 08	322 15	116 36	482 00	3,148 59
" Texas.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	3	51	15	3	17	2	1,588 51	132	37	37	466 45	144 20	...	90 00	700 65
" South Carolina.....	Charleston.....	S. C.....	17	277	11	94	157	5	13,428 61	1,689	194	194	3,683 84	1,545 57	649 44	566 00	6,444 35
" Alabama.....	Mobile.....	Ala.....	28	350	21	6	125	4	13,353 95	1,146	102	102	1,400 91	185 16	47 55	912 10	2,545 32
" North Carolina.....	Wilmington.....	N. C.....	18	322	32	7	97	5	8,345 67	1,022	75	75	819 00	500 50	132 50	139 00	1,004 50
" Georgia.....	Savannah.....	Ga.....	27	550	199	3	146	4	17,373 55	1,860	165	165	2,590 69	500 50	186 55	799 48	4,077 22
" Maine.....	Portland.....	Me.....	53	903	144	23	362	4	27,671 36	5,611	580	580	10,076 44	378 90	11 50	1,363 33	11,928 07
" Rhode Island.....	Providence.....	R. I.....	13	118	48	14	131	...	6,519 53	1,628	256	256	4,538 39	361 30	...	590 00	5,409 89
" New Hampshire.....	Concord.....	N. H.....	23	341	71	40	173	4	5,463 85	2,191	266	266	4,298 84	43 77	...	788 71	5,930 35
" Michigan.....	Detroit.....	Mich.....	36	787	62	...	158	5	17,819 10	2,305	296	296	2,957 44	105 00	6 03	581 00	3,649 47
" Wisconsin.....	Milwaukee.....	Mis.....	27	252	51	8	97	2	5,173 27	1,224	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,099 12
" Vermont.....	Montpelier.....	Verm.....	13	108	2	6	37	1	2,535 34	695	84	84	1,292 98	...	...	165 00	1,457 98
" Iowa.....	Bloomington.....	Iowa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Arkansas.....	...	Ark.....	4	51	2	...	9	...	1,176 68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Florida.....	...	Fla.....	5	29	...	...	...	...	1,048 34	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Honolulu.....	...	Hon.....	1	28	...	...	3	...	174 12	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Venezuela.....	...	Ven.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			1713	28260	4401	783	11747	174	\$873,413 12	122697	15308	1709	946,228,149 48	\$27,955 41	\$8,842 36	\$41,807 26	306,445 55

* Nos. 1, 3 and 4 only reported.

ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1848.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Rev'nue of Subordinates.	Contributing Members.	Relief.
G. E. Maryland.....	Baltimore....	Md.....	9 217		28 ..		\$5,999 39	1,012	\$4,085 50
" Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia. Pa.....		79 1211		45 10		20,544 28	3,896	5,933 50
" New York.....	New York... N. York		54 410		81 2		1,205 12	2,469	2,469 13
" Ohio.....	Cincinnati... Ohio....		28 422		1 4		8,016 07	1,227	1,402 94
" New Jersey.....	Newark..... N. J.....		21 254		19 1		3,634 16	653	814 57
" Connecticut.....	New Haven.. Conn....		15 172		13 2		2,501 30	549	61 00
" Virginia.....	Alexandria... Va.....		16 217		24 4		4,008 73	708	1,187 39
" South Carolina....	Charleston... S. C.....		4 16		1 3		539 39	187	141 00
" Massachusetts....	Boston..... Mass....		28 238		5 ..		8,058 01	1,777	2 507 33
" Kentucky.....	Louisville... Ky.....		15 162		5 1		2,241 79	459	No Rep't.
" Maine.....	Portland.... Me.....		12 113		11 ..		2,336 32	634	688 12
" New Hampshire....	Dover..... N. H....		6 85		7 ..		1,304 01	342	223 64
" Michigan.....	Kalamazoo... Mich....		13 155		11 ..		2,662 95	308	112 00
" Missouri.....	St. Louis.... Mo.....		6 70		4 ..		1,081 54	163	4 00
" Dist. of Columbia.	Washington. D. of C.		5 27		....		1,366 52	340	445 00
" Tennessee.....	Nashville... Tenn....		8 97		....		2,346 02	271	115 00
" North Carolina....	Wilmington.. N. C....		6 50		....		848 88	166	No Rep't.
" Georgia.....	Macon..... Ga.....		6 30		....		722 23	314	"
" Mississippi.....	Natchez..... Miss....		7 47		....		1,110 95	171	18 00
" Indiana.....	Indianapolis. Ind.....		12 91		....		1,393 76	273	78 00
" Louisiana.....	New Orleans La.....		5 123		....		2,398 00	283	No Rep't.
" Alabama.....	Mobile..... Ala.....		....		....		....	....	....
" Delaware.....	Wilmington. Del.....		4 60		....		797 97	120	"
Narraganset..... No. 1,	Providence }	R. I.....	3 37	....	....	....	867 58	326	510 70
Moshassuck..... " 2,	" }								
Palestine..... " 3,	Newport... }								
Allen..... " 4,	Quincy.... }								
Lead Mine..... " 5,	Galena.... }								
Neilson*..... " 6,	Belleville.. }	Ill.....	10 22	....	....	....	461 55	59	
Mt. Vernon*..... " 7,	Beardst'wn }								
Union*..... " 8,	Collingsv'le }								
Ridgely*..... " 9,	Jacksonv'le }								
Chicago*..... " 10,	Chicago.... }								
Sirion*..... " 11,	Mt. Carmel }	Verm't.	3 36	....	....	....	381 23	38	"
Rock Island*..... " 12,	R. Island.. }								
Wanponsiet..... " 13,	St. Charles }								
Winooskie..... " 1,	Montpelier }								
Ascutney..... " 2,	Windsor... }								
Green Mountain*.. " 3,	Middleburg }	Wisc'n.	5 43	....	....	....	639 46	85	"
Wisconsin..... " 1,	Milwaukie. }								
Wilson..... " 2,	Southport.. }								
Rock River*..... " 3,	Raene.... }								
Star..... " 4,	Janesville.. }								
Walworth..... " 5,	Whitew'ter }	Iowa...	6 16	....	....	....	212 00	29	
Halcyon*..... " 1,	Dubuque.. }								
Eureka*..... " 2,	Burlington. }								
State*..... " 3,	Davenport. }								
Prairie*..... " 4,	Bloom'gton }								
Good Samaritan*.. " 5,	Iowa City.. }	Texas..	1 1	....	....	....	274 50	13	
Iowa*..... " 6,	Fairfield... }								
Lone Star..... " 1,	Galveston... }								
Eagle..... " 1,	Helena..... Ark....		1 2		....		70 00	14	
			338 4439	255 27	288,023 71	16,916	\$20,796 82		

* No reports.

† Instituted since session of G. L. of U. S.

Comparative Progress of the Order, 1847—1848.

Year.	Lodges.	Increase.	Revenue of Lodges & Camps.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Relief by Lodges & Camps.	Increase.
1847	1392		\$888,605 07		118,961		\$302,243 41	
1848	1713	321	961,436 12	\$72,831 05	122,697	3,736	327,242 37	24,998 96

Note.—This table, by reason of the incompleteness of the New York returns, does not exhibit the real progress of the Order during the past year.

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

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1847.		
Sept. 23,	To cash on hand.....	\$6,206 79
1848.		
Sept. 13,	Do. received from G. Secretary.....	6,926 24
	Total.....	<u>\$13,133 03</u>

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1847.		
Sept. 22,	By cash to J. G. Treadwell, traveling expenses.....	\$40 00
" 25,	" H. R. Kneass, G. S. do.....	25 00
"	" S. Skinner, do. Marshal....	25 00
"	" Expenses of committee on Digest.....	700 00
"	" T. G. Sherlock, G. S., traveling expenses.....	139 40
"	" J. E. Chamberlain, for papers and ice.....	9 00
"	" J. D. McCabe, G. Chaplain, expenses.....	68 00
"	" S. L. Harris, G. Guardian, do.	20 00
"	" J. A. Kennedy, for blank book.....	1 25
"	" J. M. Conlan, for printing cards.....	317 25
"	" A. Case, traveling expenses.....	50 00
"	" do. do.	4 81
"	" N. A. Thompson, D. G. S., traveling expenses.	60 00
"	" G. Liese & A. Buckenburger, for German work	150 00
"	" L. Jones, G. Guardian, for expenses.....	12 00
"	" E. B. White, painting.....	100 00
"	" J. Afron, for postage.....	4 00
"	" Sherwood, for printing.....	2 50
" 27,	" D. D. G. S. Wilson, for postage, 1846-7.....	17 50
" 28,	" J. M. Anderson, for engraving desks.....	36 00
"	" J. J. Johnston & Holliday, balance on desks...	177 00
Oct. 2,	" J. E. Chamberlain, postage, expens. and freight	34 63
" 9,	" Discount on \$660 uncurrent funds.....	10 83
" 16,	" J. H. Barnes, for Venitian blinds for G. S.....	7 00
Nov. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain, postage and freight.....	19 45
"	" J. Young, for printing.....	287 18
" 30,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage and insurance..	15 22
Dec. 2,	" J. Lee, for State of Md. stock	2,800 00
" 11,	" J. Young, for plates and printing.....	192 75
" 16,	" J. E. Chamberlain, one quar. salary as Messenger	100 00
" 21,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec....	300 00
" 28,	" P. Smick, for printing cards.....	71 05
1848.		
Jan. 3,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage and freight.....	21 26
Feb. 1,	" do do. do.	11 25
" 14,	" Gihon & Curtis, for printing Journal.....	465 96
"	" do. for box do.	3 04
"	By counterfeit note on Massillon bank, Ohio.....	1 00
"	By discount on \$146 uncurrent funds.....	2 61
" 21,	By cash to Gihon & Curtis, for printing.....	294 04
" 23,	" B. F. Zimmerman, for filling charters.....	6 00
" 28,	" D. J. Gihon, for binding.....	450 00
Mar. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for traveling expenses.....	49 00
" 6,	" D. J. Gihon, for binding.....	281 53
" 7,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec....	\$300 00
" 10,	" J. E. Chamberlain do. do. as Messenger..	100 00

Mar. 22,	By cash to	Charter fee of Iowa returned.	30 00
" 23,	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for Journal.....	101 20
Apr. 3,	"	do. for postage, &c.....	24 00
" 4,	"	G. A. Cassileon, for Cards.....	232 42
" 11,	"	J. J. Johnston, in part for chairs.....	200 00
" 14,	"	C. G. Graham & Co. draft protested.....	75 00
"	"	do for protest.....	0 97
" 29,	"	E. Winchester, draft protested.....	50 00
"	"	Protest on do.	1 00
May 2,	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec.....	10 61
" 5,	"	S. A. Sands, for printing cards.....	113 50
"	"	F. Lucas, for paper.....	54 02
June 1,	"	S. A. Sands, for retouching plate....	50 00
" 8,	"	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as Secretary.	300 00
" 10,	"	for discount on draft from Missouri.....	2 75
"	"	for freight from Philadelphia.....	1 95
" 13,	"	for discount on draft from Illinois.....	0 60
" 26,	"	J. E. Chamberlain, one quar. salary as Messenger	100 00
"	"	for discount on \$156 uncurrent funds.....	3 57
"	"	Curtis & Norcross, for printing Odes.....	250 00
July 7,	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Secretary..	18 28
" 28,	"	for discount on \$450 uncurrent funds.....	4 87
"	"	J. J. Johnston for chairs.....	388 00
Aug. 15,	"	L. Bonsal, for binding.....	234 21
"	"	J. Young, for printing..	200 62
" 29,	"	for discount on draft.....	0 60
" 31,	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec.....	21 92
Sept. 2,	"	S. A. Sands, for printing cards..	300 25
" 4,	"	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec....	300 00
"	"	J. E. Chamberlain, do. do. as Messenger.	100 00
"	"	J. W. Bond, for stationery.....	101 93
" 18,	"	A. E. Warner, G. Treasurer.....	100 00
"	"	for discount on uncurrent funds.....	1 60
"	"	on hand.....	1,976 00
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			\$13,133 03

Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, moved that P. G. C. H. Mann, of Pennsylvania, P. G's Swann and John M. Walker, of Maryland, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

On motion of Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That P. G. P. Allan Brinsmade, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii, be admitted to the floor of this Grand Lodge, in consideration of his representing the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in that distant region of the world.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, a committee of three was appointed to examine into the qualifications of Bro. P. G. Brinsmade, and if found correct, to introduce him to the lodge.

The chair named Reps. Parker, of New Hampshire, Robinson, of Virginia, and Sessford, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, moved that P. G. M. J. D. Cordova, of Texas, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body, which was agreed to.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as correct, the certificate of Past Grand Lucius A. Thomas, representative from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

For the committee.

JOHN SESSFORD, Jr

On motion, the Grand Lodge, by unanimous consent, agreed to postpone the special order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Deferred Business.

Rep. Parker, from the committee appointed to examine P. G. Brinsmade, reported him to be correct, and formally introduced the brother to the lodge.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. S. Glazier, to amend article xxi, page 50, Digest of Laws, report:

That the reasons which exist why the first officers of a new lodge should be entitled to certain official degrees can rarely operate in the case of a revived lodge. In the former case the body is composed of new materials, who have had no opportunity of performing certain duties by which those honors are obtained, while in the latter the old material must necessarily exist before reaction can obtain. They therefore recommend that the alteration should not be made.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report the amendment proposed by P. G. S. Glazier to the 21st section of the Digest, article iii, it was agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to amend the form of funeral regalia by adding thereto a white apron, report:

That the amendment proposed would have little effect other than adding to the expense already incurred by the Subordinate Lodges in procuring funeral regalia. They therefore recommend that the same be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to alter the term of Subordinate Lodges to three months, and of Reps. Ramsdell, of Michigan, and Smith, of Maine, to extend the term for the same to one year, report:

That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on page 1066 of the session of 1847, so entirely sets forth the reasons why the present term of six months should remain unaltered, as to warrant the present committee in doing nothing further than to refer to and reiterate the same.

One member of the committee (the member from Pennsylvania) desires to say, that in the conscientious discharge of his duty to this body, he has felt bound to concur with his colleagues in the foregoing report, reserving, however, to himself the privilege of performing what he equally considers a duty, when the vote shall be taken. The majority of his immediate constituents desiring a repeal, he will feel called upon to vote for the same.

The committee append a resolution expressive of their views.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate in reference to the term of Subordinate Lodges.

A division of the question being called, the question was put upon the adoption of the report of the committee, which was agreed to.

The question recurring upon the resolution accompanying the report, it was resolved in the affirmative—the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Baker, Ballou, Brown, of N. H., Burr, Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Deering, (2 votes) DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Green, Griffin, Haines, Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, McKee, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes) Ramsdell, Read, Ridgely, (2 votes) Rosborough, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Tewksbury, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes) Treadway, Wakefield, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—49.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Bond, Boak, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Conrad, Forman, Fritz, Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Holmes, Lott, Merrick, Moffett, Moore, Patten, Roberts, Robinson, Sessford, Taylor, of Ill., Towers—23.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the D. D. Grand Sires, report:

That they have examined the same, and find in them nothing requiring the action of this body. They therefore recommend said reports be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from Montivallo Lodge, No. 19, of the State of Alabama, report:

That they cannot see any impropriety in the prayer of the petition being granted by the proper authority; but inasmuch as it is a subject which should properly be decided upon by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, as the legislative head of the Order within that jurisdiction, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, report:

That the subject of relief to traveling brothers is one of much interest to the Order at large, and concurring in the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, that some general law is needed to meet the exigency of the case, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That when a brother in distress, and bearing a proper card, has been relieved, it shall be the duty of the lodge or encampment of which such brother is a member, to refund the amount advanced, upon being notified thereof, as provided in section 5, article viii, division 2, of the Digest of Laws; provided, however, such amount shall not exceed the relief which the lodge relieving would grant to one of its members.

On motion of Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, to lay the resolution accompanying the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep: Patten, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "laws" in the fourth line of the resolution.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to postpone the resolution indefinitely, it was resolved in the affirmative.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, obtained leave to record his vote in the affirmative on the resolution, that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the terms of Subordinate Lodges, reported by the Committee on the State of the Order, and adopted by the lodge.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Amongst the papers referred to the Committee on Petitions are some documents relating to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, on the subject of the removal of the seat of that body—an act that was conditionally authorized by a resolution of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (page 1095.)

In pursuance of the authority granted by this law, the Grand Lodge of Alabama, by a majority of one vote, passed a resolve that its sessions should be held at Montgomery, instead of Mobile. Previously to taking a vote on this resolution, the Grand Master decided that it would involve an alteration of the constitution; to alter which it was necessary that a proposition should pass through the forms of being submitted at one regular session, and receive an approving vote of two-thirds at another regular session.

In view of this obstacle, the Grand Officers deem the resolve for removing the Grand Lodge, which received only a majority vote, to be inoperative, and the position thus assumed by them induced the passage of another resolution, requesting the Grand Lodge of the United States to sanction and confirm the resolution first mentioned, which proposes to remove the Grand Lodge to Montgomery, contrary to a constitutional provision, and against which all the officers and a large number of Past Grands protest.

These being the points briefly stated, your committee, looking to the general policy of this Grand Lodge in enforcing constitutional compacts rather than encouraging their violation, have come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, was not apprised of the obstacle presented by the constitutional provision, and did not, by its permissive law in the case, contemplate the annulment of any part of the organic law of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Your committee, therefore, are of opinion that the seat of that Grand Lodge ought not to be changed, unless done in pursuance of its constitution, or of some special law of this body designed to remove the existing difficulty; and respectfully ask a concurrence in this opinion.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report that during the recess the executive officers have granted warrants authorizing the opening of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, as follows:

Subordinate Lodges.

Manitou Lodge, located at Tipton, Iowa.

Henry Lodge, Iowa.

Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas.

————— Lodge, No. 4, Batesville, Arkansas

Otumwa Lodge, No. 9, Otumwa, Iowa.

Leon Lodge, No. 9, Talahassee, Florida.

Subordinate Encampments.

————— Encampment, Collingsville, Indiana.

Sirian Encampment, No. 11, Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Sussex Encampment, Georgetown, Delaware.

————— Encampment, Jefferson county, Wisconsin.

Chicago Encampment, Illinois.

————— Encampment, Marion, Alabama.

Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Mount Hobah Encampment, Gainesville, Alabama.

Green Encampment, No. 6, Alabama.

Rock River Encampment, No. 3, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Middleburg, Vermont.

Mount Vernon Encampment, No. 7, Beardstown, Illinois.

Manchester Encampment, No. 4, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Iowa Encampment, No. 6, Fairfield, Iowa.

Halcyon Encampment, No. 7, Prattsville, Alabama.

State Encampment, No. 2, Davenport, Iowa.

Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Windsor, Vermont.

Star Encampment, No. 3, Racine, Wisconsin.

Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Bloomington, Iowa.

The warrants in each of the above cases having been granted on due application, and in pursuance of law, the Committee on Petitions recommend that the issuing of the warrant in each case be confirmed

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, presented an application from the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, praying a remittance of dues from its subordinates, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, presented the petition of Wm. Vandever, and of seven others, for a Subordinate Encampment in Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, on the subject of the relative powers of the State Grand Lodges and the Grand Sire of this body, beg leave to report said memorial back to this Grand Lodge, with a recommendation that it be referred to the committee to whom was committed so much of the annual report of the Grand Sire as relates to the same subject, the questions at issue not properly being a subject for the consideration of the Committee of Appeals, unless that part of the Grand Sire's report should be sent to the same committee.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
HENRY HOLMES,
W. H. McKEE.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom were referred the appeals of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Templar Lodge, No. 16, from certain legislative action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, make the following report:

The question at issue is thus presented through a preamble and resolution, adopted by Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to wit:

"WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana has adopted a constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges within her jurisdiction, and requires of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to surrender the constitution she is now working under, and to receive and be governed, from and after the 1st of July next, by the constitution adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, and

"Whereas Crescent Lodge, No. 8, is now working under a constitution duly and regularly approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which constitution, it is not pretended, does in any wise conflict with, or is contrary to, the very letter of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State, under whose jurisdiction she exists, nor of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor of any of the usages of the Order; therefore,

"Resolved, That Crescent Lodge, No. 8, respectfully appeals from the action had by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, on the ground that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana has no right to take from this Lodge, without her consent, a constitution regularly adopted by this Lodge, and duly approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge, unless said constitution conflicts with the laws or general usages of the Order."

According to the law of the Digest, division iii, article 2, page 45, each Grand Lodge is the grand legislative head of the Order in its jurisdiction. It may enact laws for the government of its subordinates.

The same authority, (page 47) declares that Subordinate Lodges are restricted to the exercise of powers conferred by their charters and the laws of the several Grand Lodges under which they exist. They have no legislative power whatever, except to make *by-laws* for their own internal government.

Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States may adopt a constitution, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, or may act directly under the general laws pre-

scribed by the Grand Lodge, as they may elect. (*Digest*, page 48.) By analogy, it follows that subordinates in State jurisdictions hold the same relation to State Grand Lodges, and State Grand Lodges to them, exercising legislative powers so far only as may be necessary for the limited sphere in which they act.

It therefore appears clear to your committee that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana did not transcend its legitimate authority by their enactment of a uniform constitution for the government of its subordinates. The right so to legislate is clearly vested in Grand Lodges, and has for several years been exercised in several States without question. The exercise of the power can only be checked by considerations of expediency, to be judged of by the Grand Lodges themselves, and by the obligation to conform, in all their legislation, to the superior enactments of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee not only believe the conclusions they have arrived at to be legally correct, according to the dictates of the *Digest*, but further, that no hardship or injustice can consequently be inflicted upon subordinates. Every subordinate is, or can be, represented in the Grand Lodge to which it is subject, and wield therein its rightful degree of general legislative power and influence; and if, in spite of this, real injustice should be inflicted by enactments wrong in principle and contrary to the spirit of our institution, a certain remedy is afforded through an appeal to this tribunal.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the resolution appended.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. McKEE,
HENRY HOLMES.

Resolved, That the appeals of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Templar Lodge, No. 16, against the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be dismissed.

Rep. Chapman, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of "P. G." Wood, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, beg leave to report:

It appears from the facts before your committee that at a meeting of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, July 13, 1848, pending a certain discussion, a motion was made to adjourn, (the intention of the mover being, we presume, to close the lodge regularly.) The Noble Grand decided said motion to be out of order. An appeal being taken from his decision, it was sustained by the Lodge. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and that body decided that the action of the Subordinate Lodge and its Noble Grand had been erroneous, a motion to adjourn being in order,

In the document before your committee no reason is given to justify the original decision of the Noble Grand of Crescent Lodge, and your committee cannot perceive any just cause for reversing the

decision of the Grand Lodge upon the subject. They therefore submit the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
HENRY HOLMES,
W. H. McKEE.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, upon the appeal of "P. G." Olmsted, of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, be sustained by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, that the order of the day be discharged, and be made the order of the day for 1 o'clock this day, it was agreed to.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS certain matters of difference between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New Jersey were referred back to said Grand Lodges by this Grand Lodge at its last session; and whereas the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has instructed its Representatives to bring the matter again before this Grand Lodge: therefore,

Resolved, That the said matters be referred to a special committee of three.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution, it was agreed to.

The chair named Reps. Wakefield, of New Jersey, Marley, of Maryland, and Dickson, of Delaware, as the committee.

The chair named Rep. Merrick, of Kentucky, on Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the evidence taken by the committee in the New York case be printed with their report, for the use of this Grand Lodge

Past Grand Sire Kennedy moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. Winder, of Michigan, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the New York question and testimony, when taken in full, be printed under the direction of the committee.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, accepted the amendment, and the question being on the resolution as amended,

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which was not seconded.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Wakefield, as amended by the resolution of Rep. Winder, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges have and possess power to publish the Odes for the use of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following amendments to the by-laws, which were ordered to lie on the table for one day, under the rule:

Resolved, That article xix of the by-laws be amended, by striking out the words "his expenses shall be paid by his Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Resolved, That the following be and is hereby established and enacted as the xxxvii by-law of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

Amend article xii constitution, so as to add the following:

5. The expenses of Representatives and officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the said Grand Lodge. The said Grand Lodge shall allow to each such Representative and officer cents per mile, for each mile actually travelled by such said Representative or officer, in going to and returning from the said sessions. The distance to be computed so that it shall not exceed the number of miles of the United States Mail routes from the residence of the said Representative to the seat of government of this body. And there shall be also further allowed to the said Representatives and officers dollars per day during the session of the Grand Lodge—*Provided, however*, that nothing contained in this law shall be so construed as to allow to the said officers and Past Grand Sires any compensation whatever, in the form of travelling expenses or per diem allowance, for attending the sessions of this body.

Resolved, That the following be, and is hereby established as the xxxvi by-law:

A special tax shall be levied upon the several State Grand Lodges and Encampments, in ratio of the representation that they may be entitled to in this Grand Lodge; to be devoted exclusively to the payment of the expenses and allowances guarantied by the xxxvii by-law to Representatives. The said levy shall be made by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for such sum as may be actually necessary to defray the contemplated expenses. The estimate of the sum necessary shall be based upon a computation of the distance from the seats of government of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments to the seat of government of this body, and for a session of the Grand Lodge of days.

The said estimate and levy shall be made on or before the first Monday of May annually, and during that month the Grand Secretary shall notify the several Grand Lodges and Encampments of the sum required from each in conformity with this law.

Resolved, That the following be, and is hereby established as the xxxix by-law: The compensation to be allowed to the officers of this Grand Lodge, shall be as follows:

1. M. W. Grand Sire— cents per mile for the distance travelled by him on the business of the Grand Lodge, and dollars per day when in attendance on the sessions of this body.

2. R. W. D. G. Sire—Same as the Grand Sire.

3. R. W. Grand Secretary— dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

4. R. W. Grand Treasurer— dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

5. R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Grand Guardian— cents per mile distance travelled attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and dollars der day during the session.

6. Grand Messenger— dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

7. The salaries of the officers of this Grand Lodge shall not be increased or decreased during the term of an officer.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following amendment to the Digest, which was, on motion, ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the following be, and is hereby established as section 6, article xii, division 1, of the Digest:

Sec. 6. All printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States to State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be sold them at an advance on the actual cost of such article of not exceeding per cent.

Resolved, That the clause, "Nor can they lawfully enter into correspondence with each other, without the consent and approval of their Grand Lodges," in Sec. 3, Art. iii., Division 3 of the Digest, be and it is hereby repealed.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Roberts, of Illinois, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Green, of Ohio, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Roberts, of Illinois, presented the application of Lebanon Encampment, of Illinois, now defunct, praying a restoration of charter. Referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved a reconsideration of the vote directing the printing of the report and evidence of the committee on the New York case, which was not agreed to

On motion of Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the annual report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be referred to a select committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The chair named Reps. Allen, of Pennsylvania, Tewksbury, of Maryland, and Harris, of Delaware, as the committee.

Rep. Disosway, of North Carolina, presented the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, and Rep. Gallaher, of Virginia, in regard to the funeral regalia, report:

That for the reasons stated in the report of the same committee on the resolution offered by Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to legislate further upon the subject of funeral regalia.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows:

Resolved, That all the existing laws on the subject of funeral regalia be and are hereby repealed, and that State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be left to pass such laws on the subject as may be adapted to their own wishes and views, and the state of public sentiment which may prevail in their several jurisdictions.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the regalia prescribed by the Order as Odd-Fellows' regalia may be worn instead of, or in connection with the funeral regalia prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the respective State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may determine.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, accepted the amendment of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, and the question being on the amendment of Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, as now perfected, it was adopted. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Ballou, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Conrad, Forman, Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes) Moore, Mott, Parker, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Rosborough, Roberts, Sessford, Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Whitall, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier—41.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Deering, (2 votes) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Fritz, (2 votes) Griffin, Haines, Lott, McKee, Moffet, (2 votes) Morton, Page, Patten, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., Thomas, (2 votes) Treadway, (2 votes) Wakefield, Winder, Woodward; P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—35.

Whereupon, on motion, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, to inquire into the expediency and propriety of requiring the work of the Order throughout the United States, to be transacted in the English language, report: That, in consequence of the large number of lodges throughout the Union working in languages other than the English, a number so large as to warrant this body at various times in ordering editions of the work published in such languages, it is inexpedient to alter the existing regulation upon the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Moffet, of Missouri, that the Past Official Degrees be abolished, report:

That said degrees being the honors awarded for services rendered, should, in the opinion of the committee, be retained; they therefore recommend the resolution should not be adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Deferred Business.

The first subject reported by the committee being under consideration, to wit, the resolutions of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, recorded at page 1086 vol. ii Journal, in words following, to wit:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, in the assertion of its legitimate prerogatives, does not claim the right to the exercise of despotic and illimitable authority, except in so far as relates to the peculiar *work* of the Order, the necessity of perfect uniformity in which work is self-evident, and which uniformity can only be attained and enforced by the direction of this body.

2d. That we recognize the power of State Grand Lodges so to shape their legislation in regard to minor particulars of municipal and police regulations, and in all measures not conflicting with the principles necessary to secure the integrity and due authority of this Body, as to them may seem proper and expedient, and as in their just and deliberate judgment may appear to be required by the true interest of the Order within their respective jurisdictions.

3d. That the Subordinate or common Lodges of the several jurisdictions possess certain rights, of which they cannot be lawfully divested. That the chief of these rights is involved in the fact that they comprehend and embrace the constituency by whose fiat is created the members of the superior Lodges of the States and Territories, and finally of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that therefore they, as the said Subordinate or common Lodges, are of right entitled to be considered as the true root of the Order, and the original source of sovereign power and authority, within the limits prescribed and defined by their respective Constitutions.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject, upon which motion he called the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Boak, Brown, of N. H., Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Lott, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes) Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Page, Patten, Ridgely, Robinson, Rosborough, Sessford, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes) Winder, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—44.

NAYS.—Reps. Ballou, Bond, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Chapman, of Indiana, (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Forman, Fritz, Gallaher, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, McKee, Parker, Read, Roberts, Spooner, Taylor, of Illinois, Thomas, (2 votes) Wakefield, Whitall, Woodward—30.

The resolutions were accordingly indefinitely postponed.

The second subject reported by the committee, being amendment proposed by Rep. Clarke, of New Jersey, to article i, constitution, page 1123, as follows:

Amend article i of constitution, page 15, bottom line, after the words "Odd-Fellowship," add, "that the unwritten work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended, except by an unanymous vote of this Grand Lodge--and the written Work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., it was postponed and made the order of the day for Friday, at 10 o'clock.

The third subject was considered, being proposed amendment of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, to article viii of the constitution, page 1031 of Journal, as follows:

Article viii, amend so as to read, "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively, on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, except Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, who shall ever be entitled to his single vote."

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Bond, Brown of Miss., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Torre, Forman, Green, Knight, (2 votes) Lott, Moffet, Mott, Page, Parker, Read, Rosborough, Roberts, Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Thomas, (2 votes) Wakefield, Woodward—26.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Baker, Ballou, Brown of N. H., Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes) DeSaussure, Dickson, Dissosway, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Kneass, McKee, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes) Moore, Morton, Parmenter, (2 votes) Patten, Ridgely, Robinson, (2 votes) Sessford, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith of Ten., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes) Whitall, Winder, Zimmerman—45.

So the amendment was rejected.

P. G. Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy and Hopkins, being respectively called, declined voting.

By unanimous consent of the Lodge, Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That all forms of prayer heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge for the use of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments, except the prayers laid down in the Charge Books, be and are hereby repealed.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The next subject reported by the committee was considered, being the proposition of Rep. Hough, of Virginia, to amend Article xi of the Constitution, page 1099 of Journal, as follows:

That article xi of the constitution be amended by striking out the word "annually" in the first line and insert "every fourth year."

The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Thorington—3.

NAYS.—Allen, Anderson, Ballou, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Dissosway, Forman, Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, (2 votes,) Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, McKee, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes,) Moffet, Moore, (2 votes,) Morton, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rosborough, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thomas, (2 votes,) Towers, Treadway, Wakefield, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman. P. G. S. Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—70.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

The next subject reported by the committee, being proposed

amendment to the constitution of Rep. Dimon, of New York, to article xiv, page 1070 being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That the amendment proposed to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge by Rep. Dimon, and which appears on the Journal of the last session, at page 1070 having been previously made at the session of 1845, as appears by the Journal of that year, pages 684 and 748, no action is necessary thereon.

The next subject reported by the committee was considered, being amendment proposed by Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, page 1070 Journal, as follows:

Amend the article of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of sending Representatives to foreign jurisdictions, by inserting after the second word of the new article the word "previous "

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Allen, Anderson, Ballou, Boak, Bond, Brown of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes;) Cole, Conrad, Deering, DeSaussure, Dickson, Disosway, Forman, Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, McKee, Marley, Merrick, Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Rosborough, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Theobald, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes,) Treadway, Wakefield, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Perkins, Glazier, Hopkins—64.

NAYS.—None.

Whereupon the Chair declared that the amendment was adopted, and forms a part of the Constitution.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Capt. Josiah Sturgis, of the Revenue service of the United States, be and he hereby is allowed and invited to visit this Grand Lodge and take a seat within its bar.

The report of the Committee on Deferred Business being again taken up, the amendment proposed by Rep. Coffin, of New York, to the by-laws, article viii, page 1034 Journal, vol. ii, was considered, when on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, it was ordered to lie on the table.

The Lodge then considered the amendment proposed by Rep. Neally, of Maine, to article xix of the by-laws, page 1099, which was, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, indefinitely postponed.

The next subject reported by the committee, being additional by-laws offered by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, page 1103, it was on motion of Rep. Torre, ordered to lie on the table.

The next and last subject reported by the committee, being proposed amendment to the Digest, article xi, division 15, 16, page 1115, vol. ii, it was, on motion Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 21, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the officers and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Sessford, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificate of the following representative as correct: Grand Encampment of Delaware, P. G. Henry F. Askew.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. E. PARMENTER
JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.,
N. R. RAMSDELL.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, relative to the power of presiding officers of Grand, Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to introduce visitors into such bodies prior to their opening, upon being satisfied of the admissibility of said visitors, report:

That the whole tenor of the laws relative to visitors, and the adoption of a working system with which they shall be received, seem to contemplate the reception of said visitors in open lodge. The committee are also of opinion that, as a precautionary measure, the regulations now in force should be retained. They therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry presented by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, relative to the honors which should belong to a Grand officer who resigns his office before the expiration of his term, report:

That by voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of a station, an officer forfeits the honors thereof, and the successor who fulfils the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, to repeal or amend section 15, article ii, division 2, of the Digest, report:

That the subject has already been acted upon by this body, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, that Grand Lodges and Encampments shall have the power to hold their sessions at such place or places within their several jurisdictions as they shall from time to time determine, report:

That by an adopted report, on page 659 vol. ii of the Journal of this body, the Grand Lodge refused to recognize the existence of movable lodges or encampments, whether Grand or Subordinate; they therefore recommend the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, as to the power of a State Grand Lodge or Encampment to suspend a Subordinate without giving it an opportunity of trial, report:

That it has been so decided on page 812, vol. ii of the Journal of this body, but, in the language of that report, such conduct would be contrary to the spirit of the Order, and a harsh exercise of power.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Abell, of Connecticut, whether a lodge can reject an applicant for membership on account of his religious belief and practice, report:

That the qualifications for membership are distinctly set forth in section 9, article iii, division 3 of the Digest, from which it appears that, while no peculiar religious persuasion is requisite for admission into the Order, so also none disqualifies.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Patten, of Georgia, relative to the expediency of so amending the laws of the Order as to give jurisdiction to lodges or encampments, for a certain time, over members holding withdrawal cards, and also upon the competency of C. P. or N. G. to officiate at the installation of their successors, report:

That since the right of leaving the Order is well established, and one so retiring has no claim upon the Order for benefit or protection, it would be inexpedient to amend the existing law so as to render him liable to penalty, while he experienced no corresponding good. By the existing law a withdrawal card may be declared void for good cause, existing at the time of granting the card, but not discovered until after it has been delivered. And that, in regard to the second proposition, the necessities of the case may sometimes require a C. P. or N. G. to install his successor, he is therefore competent to do so in the absence of the Grand Master or his deputy, and of all Past Grands.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, directing the committee to report the law governing benefits to members depositing their cards, and taken sick or dying before the period prescribed for becoming entitled to benefits, report:

That the law of the lodge in which the card has been deposited is that which should prevail.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to the inquiry presented by Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, as to the legality of an enactment of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, prohibiting the reception of applications for membership from persons residing remote, report:

That the enactment is not only legal, but highly commendable, from the prudential spirit which it exhibits.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, relative to the competency of a State Grand Encampment to confer the encampment degrees upon scarlet members, to enable said members to petition for a charter, report:

That by section 3, article 1, division 4, of the Digest, it appears a Grand Encampment can only work in the Grand Encampment degree; it would, therefore, be incompetent to confer the encampment degrees

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, proposing to amend section 8, article iii, division 3 of the Digest, by allowing the name and number of defunct lodges and encampments to be given to others at the expiration of three years, report:

That the regulation which it is proposed to change, besides being one of the oldest in our Order, has been found to operate beneficially as a stimulant for exertion in reviving defunct lodges. The committee can see no benefit in the proposed change; they therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to alter the existing law.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, relative to the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State upon the power of a Subordinate Lodge, remitting initiation fees, and the difference of decision upon such point between the Grand Lodges of Indiana and Ohio, report:

That by a resolution adopted by this body, at the session of 1844, and to be found on page 665, vol. ii of the Journal, this whole subject would appear to belong to the legislation of State Grand bodies; and as each is supreme within its own jurisdiction, their decisions, however contradictory, must be binding upon themselves and their subordinates. They therefore recommend that no further legislation be had in the matter.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, relative to the right of a Past Noble Grand to act as Past Grand, report:

That section 20, article iii, division 3 of the Digest fully explains what tour of duty shall constitute a Past Grand, while the adopted report, on page 1113, vol. ii of the Journal prescribes the duty of the Junior Past Grand.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, relative to the certificates which should be required by State Grand Lodges before conferring upon Past Grands the several degrees, report:

That the amount and character of the evidence which should be required by State Grand Lodges before conferring the several degrees, is a matter of legislation which can properly be decided by the State Grand Lodges alone; they therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, relative to an amendment of section 6, article vii, division 2 of the Digest, and also relative to the subject of allowing cards to be granted during the recess of a Subordinate Lodge, report:

That the alteration proposed seems highly inexpedient, and in the opinion of the committee, should not be adopted; and that the allowing cards to be granted during the recess, would not only conflict with the decision of this body, as expressed on page 1085, vol. ii of the Journal, but is also in opposition to section 2, article vii, division 2 of the Digest. They therefore recommend that no further legislation be had upon the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, whether the existing laws require a brother desirous of resuming membership in the Order to deposit his card in the nearest lodge to his residence, report:

That there is no direct law upon the subject, but from the analogy of the case, the card should be deposited in the lodge nearest his place of residence, but should there be several lodges at equal or nearly equal distances from his residence, the option in which to deposit his card would undoubtedly remain with him.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry presented by Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, whether an officer in an encampment vacates his seat by withdrawing his card from a Subordinate Lodge, even if he deposit his card within one month thereafter, report:

That section 7, article ii, division 4 of the Digest, declares the connection between a member and his encampment is at once severed by his taking a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge, and although his membership is revived by the deposit of his card within one month, still his connection having temporarily ceased

with the encampment, his office could not remain in abeyance, and is, therefore, vacated.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, relative to the right of Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their representatives, report:

That the doctrine of instruction seems to be an incident of representative bodies, and is applicable to this as to any other legislative body so composed; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of State Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their Grand Representatives in matters pertaining particularly to said lodges and encampments, it also deems the doctrine of instruction in matters of interest to the entire Order throughout this jurisdiction as highly inexpedient.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Deering, of Maine, to inquire into the expediency of providing that Subordinate Encampments shall be officially informed of the suspension or expulsion, and reinstatement of members of Subordinate Lodges who are also members of encampments, report:

That the providing of such a law seems not only expedient, but urgently called for by the wants of the Order; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Subordinate Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry submitted by Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, relative to the power of a Grand Master, Grand Patriarch or Grand Representative to communicate the travelling password, report:

That sections 2 and 3, article vi, division 2 of the Digest fully sets forth who shall receive said word.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Anderson, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the petitions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, praying that a portion of the dues paid into this Grand body be refunded, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adversely.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Rep. Whitall moved the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary is hereby authorized in the settlement of the accounts with the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, to deduct the ten per cent. from the first of January till the end of the term.

Rep. Ballou moved further to amend as follows:

That one hundred dollars of the dues paid by the Subordinate Lodges of Vermont to this Grand Lodge be returned to the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Ballou, it was not agreed to.

The amendment moved by Rep. Whitall was not agreed to. The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Reports and Returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to whom the several reports were referred, beg leave to represent that they have examined the following, and give the result as below:

GRAND LODGES.—Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee, correct with the exception that the names of Grand Officers are not returned.

Pennsylvania and Virginia—fully correct.

Connecticut—incorrect in not having returned the names of Grand Officers, and of suspended and expelled members. Report received by the Grand Lodge this morning, Sept. 21, 1848.

Iowa—report not in.

District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina and New Hampshire, incorrect in not having reported the names of Grand Officers, and of suspended and expelled members.

Delaware—report from April 1, 1847, to June 30, 1848, names of officers not given.

Indiana—names of officers and of Past Grand Masters not returned.

Maine—report from May 3, 1847, to May 3, 1848, names of officers and suspended and expelled members omitted.

Rhode Island—names of officers and Past Grand Masters not reported.

New York—not yet in.

Texas—report from April 1, 1847, to March 31, 1848; names of officers not given.

Vermont—report from January 1, 1848, to June 30; names of officers and suspended and expelled members not reported.

Wisconsin—report from Jan. 1, 1848, to July 1; no relief report.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—Arkansas—Far-West, No. 1, reports from Sept. 6, 1847, to June 30, 1848; detailed relief report omitted. Tel-lula, No. 2, relief report wanting. Frontier, No. 3, for term ending June 30, 1848, no relief report.

Florida—Florida, No. 1, term ending Dec. 31, 1841, no relief report. Jefferson, No. 3, term ending Dec. 31, 1847, relief report omitted. Pensacola, No. 4, term ending Dec. 31, 1847, number of Past Grands not given, and no relief report.

Iowa—Washington, No. 1, and Davenport, No. 7, without seal, and no relief report. Harmony, No. 2, correct. Keosangua, No. 3, Jefferson, No. 4, Muscatine, No. 5, and Kosciusko, No. 6, relief reports omitted.

Vermont—Green Mountain, No. 1, White River, No. 4, Caledonia, No. 6, and Stork, No. 9, correct. Vermont, No. 2, Windsor, No. 3, Wantastiquet, No. 5, Social, No. 7, Vergennes, No. 8, and Lake Dunmore, No. 11, no relief reports. Otter Creek, No. 10, without seal.

Wisconsin—Sinsinawa, No. 16, no relief report.

Sandwich Islands—Excelsior, No. 1, reports for quarter ending March 30 and Dec. 31, 1847, correct.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.—Pennsylvania, correct. District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, South Carolina and Virginia, names of Grand officers not reported. Connecticut, no relief report, and officers names not reported.

Georgia—from July 1, 1847, to Dec. 31, names of officers omitted and no relief report.

Indiana and Missouri—names of officers not given, relief report not full.

Michigan—from February 4, 1847, to June 30, 1848, names of officers omitted, relief report not full.

Mississippi—from January 17, to June 30, 1848, names of officers not given.

North Carolina—names of officers not reported, no relief report.

New York—The committee have one report, signed by T. Davids, G. P., and J. J. Davies, G. Scribe, and a second signed by J. G. Reed, G. P., John L. Von Boskerck, G. Scribe, both with the same seal apparently, and correct in form.

New Hampshire—names of officers and Past Grand Patriarchs omitted.

Ohio—from June 5, 1847, to June 3, 1848, otherwise correct.

Tennessee—from Sept. 1, 1846, to July 1, 1848, no relief report, and names of officers not returned.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.—Arkansas—Eagle, No. 1, no relief report.

Delaware, No. 1—without relief report. McDonnell, No. 2, Reynolds, No. 3, detailed reports not given; the latter without seal.

Louisiana—Wilkey, No. 1, correct. Hobah, No. 3, Magnolia, No. 4, and La Solle, No. 5, no relief reports.

Illinois, No. 3—report from January 1, 1847, to March 20, 1848, no relief report; a memorandum is on the report, representing that the charter was surrendered to D. D. Grand Sire W. Duane Wilson, March 20, 1848. Allen, No. 4, correct. Lead Mine, No. 5, no relief report.

Indiana—Bethlehem, No. 3, generally informal and incomplete. Sherlock, No. 4, without seal and informal. Wabash, No. 6, correct.

Iowa—Halcyon, No. 1, no relief report.

Mississippi—Wilkey, No. 1, Vicksburg, No. 2, and Tombigbee, No. 6, correct. Choctaw, No. 3, not in form. Woodville, No. 4, no relief report.

North Carolina—Columbia, No. 4, without seal, otherwise correct.

Rhode Island—Narraganset, No. 1, and Masshassuck, No. 2, relief report not full; the other without seal. Palestine, No. 3, correct, except that the last report is without seal.

Texas—Lone Star, No. 1, correct.

Vermont—Ascutney, No. 2, without seal, and no relief report.

Wisconsin—Wisconsin, No. 1, and Wilson, No. 2, no relief reports. Star, No. 4, without seal, and no relief report.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. SPOONER,
ROBERT S. HARRIS,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, to postpone that part of the report which refers to New York, it was agreed to.

The residue of the report was then adopted.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence have had the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary placed in their hands. We beg leave to report: That all the matters contained in the documents submitted to us, have either been definitely acted on or referred to appropriate committees.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. PARKER,
SAMUEL READ,
TOWNSEND P. ABELL.

Rep. Chapman, from Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the memorial of Jacob Morrill, Richard Smith, Albert Morton, Luther L. Cheney, Samuel H. Batchelor, Edmund Hoffman and Mark Ayers, members of a late Subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, known as Arwames Lodge, No. 37, beg leave to report that the facts of the case, as stated by the memorialists, are as follows:

That previous to the August session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 1848, Arwames Lodge, No. 37, was working under a regular charter from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

That at that session the appeal of Nelson Burr, an expelled member of the said subordinate, from the action of the said Arwames Lodge, came up for hearing, and was referred to a committee, upon which the said committee made the following report:

“That they have duly considered the matters and charges brought in said lodge against Bro. Nelson Burr, and find, from investigation, (without expressing any opinion upon the merits of the charges preferred against Bro. Nelson Burr) that, in the opinion of this committee, the said lodge proceeded irregularly and unconstitutionally in the trial of the said charges originally preferred, inasmuch as by the record before your committee, there was no copy of the charges, or notice of the time of trial, served upon Bro. Burr, as is provided by the constitution. And your committee would further report that, from the investigation of the papers, your committee feel constrained to report that, in their opinion, the ground upon which Bro. Nelson Burr was expelled was insufficient and unconstitutional, and would, therefore, report that the appeal of Bro. Nelson Burr be sustained.

“Your committee cannot dismiss this matter without expressing their deep indignation at the plot formed for the purpose of entrapping the brother, whom your committee, from circumstances, are led to believe were at the time connected with the lodge, and that Bro. Burr is highly censurable for his conduct in the matter; and in consideration of these circumstances, your committee would offer the following resolutions:

“Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. Nelson Burr be sustained, and that the decision of the lodge below be, and the same is hereby reversed, and Bro. Burr be reinstated.

“Resolved, That Arwames Lodge, No. 37, be directed and the same are hereby ordered, to prefer, in due form, charges according to the circumstances against all brothers who were originally implicated in any way in the plot, or in aiding its consummation.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.”

That the Grand Lodge of New Jersey adopted the first resolution, and that whilst the second resolution was under consideration the following was offered as a substitute therefor:

“Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized and directed to demand from Arwames Lodge, No. 37, their charter, books, papers, &c.”

Your memorialists would further represent that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, without any charges made against her subordinate, and without any notice to her, or any trial whatever, passed the resolution last named, thereby expelling the said Arwames Lodge from the Order. Your memorialists would further represent that they have delivered up their effects, according to the demand of the aforesaid resolution and law of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Master of New Jersey.

They therefore respectfully appeal to the Grand Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, expelling the said lodge.

The certificate of the Grand Master, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, stating that Arwames Lodge had complied with the requirements of this Grand Lodge by a surrender of its effects into the possession of the Grand Master, in order to qualify itself to make this appeal, was also before your committee.

In addition to the facts thus stated, and which appear to be authenticated, your committee also listened to statements relative to the matter in question, from Reps. Wakefield and Read, for and against Arwames Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. So far as your committee are able to judge, from the evidence thus before them, they are constrained to conclude that the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was legal and regular up to the time of their action upon the report of their committee upon the appeal of Nelson Burr, but that, in adopting the resolution offered as a substitute for the second resolution of their committee, the effect of which was the suspension or expulsion of Arwames Lodge without a fair hearing and trial, upon charges preferred against it, according to the requirements of law and justice, the Grand Lodge acted with unwarrantable precipitancy. The requirements of the law are too plain upon this subject to admit of doubt, and the spirit of our institution, touching the same subject, are equally unequivocal. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. McKEE.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be directed to reinstate Arwames Lodge to its regular standing; and that it be further directed, should it

think proper, and should any charges of misconduct be preferred against said Subordinate Lodge, to investigate and decide upon the same in the manner prescribed by law.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the same for approval.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the same for approval.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, report:

That they examined, find the same correct so far as it goes, and recommend the same for approval; but, at the same time, your committee would suggest the propriety of the Grand Encampment of Maryland enacting some constitutional provision for the election of a Grand Representative to this Lodge.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, submitted the following report, with accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct so far as it goes, and recommend the same for approval. Your committee would suggest the propriety of the Grand Encampment of Alabama adopting some constitutional provision providing for the election of a Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee beg leave to state that the copy of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama submitted to them is very imperfect, being an altered copy of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, and the alterations and additions being in some instances in pencil mark, have made it difficult to discover the meaning of the Grand Encampment of Alabama; in view of these difficulties, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Resolved, That all constitutions submitted to this Lodge shall be a fair and legible written or printed copy of the constitution adopted by the Grand or Subordinate Lodges submitting the same.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G's Jacob Morrill and Richard Smith, of New Jersey, be admitted upon the floor of this Grand Lodge to witness its deliberations.

Rep. Disosway, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved That P. G. O. W. Telfair, of North Carolina, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

Rep. Towers, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, with the accompanying resolution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, respectfully report:

That, after due consideration of said memorial, they consider it unnecessary to suggest any action in relation to confirming the original proceedings of that lodge, inasmuch as that matter was disposed of by this Grand Lodge at its last session.

That the committee also consider it unnecessary to suggest any action in relation to the appointment of a special deputy for the establishment of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, inasmuch as the consideration of that subject properly belongs to the committee already appointed by this Grand Lodge in relation to the subject of "establishing lodges on the Pacific Coast."

That, in relation to the request in said memorial to remit the percentage due to the G. L. U. S., from Excelsior Lodge, the committee recommend the remission thereof, from the date of the institution of said lodge to the 1st day of January, 1850.

The committee consider this no more than right—said Excelsior Lodge has, in addition to the expenditure of its own revenues, in benefits and incidental expenses, raised many hundred dollars for the relief of distressed members of the fraternity and their families.

That, in relation to the aid sought by that lodge from the Order in this country, to enable them to erect a suitable hall, the committee, in view of the peculiar embarrassments inevitable to so isolated a position; the continual and heavy drafts on their treasury in behalf of distressed mariners and others frequenting that great thoroughfare; the limited means of a lodge never probably to exceed in number one hundred resident members, feel disposed to give it their most favorable consideration. There are, in the course of every year, between six and seven hundred arrivals of American ships, principally whalers, almost every one of which has on board some members of the Order from various sections of this country.

They are chiefly engaged in that branch of commercial enterprise peculiarly exposing them to accidents, and must, for many years to come, resort to Honolulu for relief, which cannot be extended to them in a public hospital with that kindness and sympathy so grateful to an invalid. The promptitude and liberality with which aid has in many instances been afforded by Excelsior Lodge have already predisposed the community throughout the Islands, including the civil authorities, to regard with great partiality the benevolent purposes of the institution.

The committee, therefore, considering the permanent and respect-

able establishment of that lodge as equivalent to the establishment, in a broad sense, of the principles of the Order in that most important geographical position, sincerely and cordially commend the interests of Excelsior Lodge to the favorable consideration of the brotherhood throughout the country. They do not consider it advisable to advance the desired aid from the funds of this Grand Lodge, but respectfully propose a means which they think will secure for our brethren in Honolulu ample and efficient assistance.

They, therefore, submit the following resolution and recommend the adoption:

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. C. ROBINSON,
J. T. TOWERS,
WM. W. KNIGHT.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to issue as soon as practicable, a circular to all the Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, soliciting contributions for the purpose of erecting an Odd-Fellows' hall in the town of Honolulu, Oahu, in the Sandwich Islands; that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to receive such contributions, and so soon as a sufficient amount shall have been received, he shall be authorized, in conjunction with a committee of two, to purchase the materials and procure work necessary for the erection of said hall, in conformity with a plan to be approved by them; and forthwith to ship the same to the care of Charles Brewer, 2d, and for the use of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in Honolulu.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, by striking out all that part which requests the Grand Corresponding Secretary to issue a circular to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and to substitute therefor a direction that the Corresponding Secretary shall issue a circular to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, through the State Grand Secretaries and Scribes, requesting these bodies to consider the subject favorably.

The committee having accepted the amendment of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, special Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America, made the following report:

I. O. O. F.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Sire
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of British North America, having performed the duties pertaining to that appointment, begs leave to submit his report. Before entering upon the report, your Representative requests you to accept his grateful acknowledgment of the honor done him by yourself in his nomination, and by the exalted body over which you preside, in advising and consenting thereto.

Pursuant to your instructions, I proceeded to the City of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, and on the third Tuesday in August had the pleasure of meeting the R. W. body to which I was

accredited, assembled in Annual Communication. My credentials were received, and by unanimous vote I was acknowledged as the Representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. After an interchange of salutations I presented an address, with which you specially charged me, and delivered copies of our Journals and our Digest of Laws. I ask permission to append a copy of the address presented. During this ceremony the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America was upstanding, and the acceptance of your presents by that distinguished body was declared by M. W. Grand Sire Montizambert, in a response highly laudatory of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and happily expressing the warm affection cherished by our Canadian brethren for the body from which they received the charter of their existence as an independent sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship. The Representatives in attendance greeted me in the most cordial manner, and the attention then paid me was followed by unremitting kindness during the entire period of my sojourn among them. At their evening session, Tuesday, 15th August, P. G. Sire Kennedy, of this Grand Lodge, who had visited them by special invitation, gave instructions in the work of the Order, at their request. It was exceedingly gratifying to your Representative to observe the great uniformity in the practice of the work in the two jurisdictions.

The business of the session was exclusively local. No subject arose which, from a connection with the stipulations of this charter, or a bearing on the general welfare of the Order, either required or authorized the interposition of your Representative. I, therefore, did not participate in any of their deliberations.

My mission being closed, I took leave of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and have brought with me deep impressions of respect for its officers and members. The idea of an interchange of Representatives was fortunately conceived, and so long as the system shall prevail, the strong bonds which already unite the Odd-Fellows of Canada and the United States will remain unimpaired.

At the conclusion of this report, it becomes me to express my grateful sense of the fraternal treatment I experienced. From all the brethren with whom I was temporarily associated, I received evidences of fraternal feeling, but to the Grand Officers, Grand Representative Montgomerie, and Past Grand Representatives Dunkin, Whitney, and Campbell, I am especially indebted for constant courtesy and marked attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Special Grand Representative.

I. O. O. F.

The Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America,"

IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH,

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the Most Worthy "Grand Lodge of British North America"—Send Greeting:

Accept the assurance of our affectionate regard and sincere hope that the spirit and influence of our institution may be cherished and felt in an equal degree in the two jurisdictions, whose subsisting bond of union we pray may be perpetual.

Sensible as we are of your correct and full understanding of the vast responsibilities of your position, and aware also of your deep concern and anxiety upon all subjects connected with the humanizing and redeeming enterprise in which all of us are engaged, we can rely with an unwavering confidence upon the continued dispensation on your part of those cardinal virtues of our common nature which constitute the broad basis upon which has been erected the temple of our fraternity.

Our beloved brother, James L. Ridgely, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America, has been appointed a special Grand Representative by the said Most Worthy Grand Lodge, to the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America, and we trust he will be acknowledged accordingly.

Given at the Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, United States of America, this 1st day of August, 1848, and of our Order in the United States, the 30th.

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, the report was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the journal.

Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the establishment of the Order on the Pacific Coast, and certain papers in reference to the Order in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, respectfully report:

They concur fully in the estimation in which this subject is held by the M. W. Grand Sire, and through the papers placed in the hands of the committee, are gratified to find a most suitable opportunity to carry out, in a satisfactory manner, the object referred to, should the G. Lodge view favorably the G. Sire's recommendation. As to the propriety of such an extension as has been recommended,

the committee believe it to be incumbent upon us to spread the glorious principles of our Order "to all parts of the earth," whenever a favorable and suitable opportunity may be offered. The committee have learned that P. G. and P. C. P. Alex. V. Fraser, of the District of Columbia, at present the Chief of the Revenue Service of the United States, is about to depart, in pursuance of the orders of the Government, for the Coast of California and Oregon, on the Pacific Ocean, to establish the Revenue System in those extreme sections of our country; and that, should it be the pleasure of this body to intrust to his hands the establishment of the Order in those sections, he will feel it an incumbent duty to give to the object his best energies, and most careful and parental attention. The duty assigned him by the Government, requiring his frequent presence at every settlement along that extensive coast, his high character as a citizen, his devotion and qualifications as an Odd-Fellow, possessing as he does every degree known to the Order, affords an opportunity which may not be presented again to accomplish this most desirable object.

From certain papers from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, the committee have also learned that Bro. Ten Eyck, the present D. D. Grand Sire for the Sandwich Islands, is about to return to the United States, and has probably, ere this, started upon his voyage, and believing that some officer having general powers should be selected to supervise the Order there, and as it would be convenient for the brother above designated to execute that duty, recommend that such course may be taken, in order that no conflicting powers may be exercised. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

JNO. T. TOWERS,
JNO. SILSBY,
JNO. WINDER.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be, and he is hereby empowered, to appoint (should he be satisfied with his character and qualifications) P. G. and P. C. P. Alex. V. Fraser, of the District of Columbia, a Special Commissioner, with full powers to establish and supervise the Order in California and Oregon, and in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge, and that said Special Commissioner be required to report to this body, at its annual sessions, the state and condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, with such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem beneficial to its interests.

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully recommend the confirmation of the warrants issued during the recess for instituting the following Subordinate Encampments, viz:

Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Galveston, Texas.

Eureka Encampment No. 2, Burlington, Iowa.

Good Samaritan Encampment, No. 5, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Committee also recommend that so soon as the requirements

of the law be complied with, a warrant be granted to Wm. Vandever, W. T. Norris, S. G. Stein, John A. Boyd, Robert Wilkinson, N. B. Buford, C. Brooks and Henry Powers, for instituting Rock Island Encampment, No. 13, to be located at Rock Island, Illinois.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the memorial of S. A. Holmead, J. S. Rogers, Eli Cook, Isaac Lindsay, M. Reeves, M. F. Wickersham and John W. Boyd, being a part of the members of Lebanon Encampment, located at Springfield, Illinois.

This Encampment is now under suspension for non-payment of dues. The amount in arrears, according to the statement of the memorialists, is \$29.00. They relate, with much particularity, the unpropitious circumstances which originally prevented their success and compelled them to close their camp, and express a confident opinion that there now exists a much more favorable opportunity for success, which, with their past experience, will enable them to maintain an Encampment with advantage to the Order; they therefore petition for the remission of the amount due and the reinstatement of their camp.

In view of the uniform action of this Grand Lodge, for some years past, in declining to remit dues, your committee cannot recommend a compliance with the first part of the prayer of the petitioners. They do recommend, however, that upon the payment of the dues in arrears, the said camp be reinstated; or, if it be more agreeable to the petitioners, that the Executive Officers of this body be directed to grant them a warrant for a new camp, on the payment of the usual fee therefor.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed to report a plan for the classification of Representatives, and mode of drawing for their terms of service, offer the following report:

1. The Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to two members, shall constitute the first class.

2. The Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to one member, shall constitute the second class.

3. Ballots to the number of fifty, shall be prepared, one half of which shall bear the word "one," and one-half the word "two," and the same shall be placed in a box and upon the table of the Grand Secretary.

4. The Grand Secretary shall then call the name of the first Representative of each Grand Lodge on the list herewith presented, and the Grand Marshal shall draw from the box a ballot; if the same shall bear the word "one," the term of such representative shall be for one year, and the term of his associate shall be for two years. And if the ballot shall bear the word "two," then the term of such representatives shall be for two years, and the term of his associate for one year.

5. The same course shall be pursued with regard to representatives from Grand Encampments of the first class.

6. In case that one representative only appears from a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment entitled to two members, his name shall be called, and his term of office shall correspond with the number on the ballot drawn.

7. The name of the first named representative on the list of representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to one representative, shall then be read, and a ballot in like manner be drawn. If the ballot shall bear the word "one," then the term of the representative called shall be for one year, and the term of the representative second upon the list shall be for two years; and *vice versa* if the ballot bear the word two. The third name shall then be called and a ballot drawn, and the same course shall be followed until the list shall have been disposed of.

8. Each ballot drawn shall be returned to the box, when it shall have been read.

Your committee are of opinion that a strict construction of the law passed at the last session makes it absolutely necessary that the term of service of representatives to this Grand Lodge be decided in the lodge by lot; that after such decision the representative upon whom devolves a service of two years, becomes the legitimate representative of his Grand Lodge or Encampment; that a declination of service must be made only to the body he represents, and that no arrangement can be made between representatives in relation thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLE,
JOHN H. WAKEFIELD,
A. TREADWAY.

Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with instructions to distribute the subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, report as follows:

To the Committee on Finance so much as relates to translating the work into French and Spanish; so much as relates to investment of surplus funds; so much as relates to excess of expenditure for chairs; so much as relates to price and revision and reprint of Journal.

To a special committee of three so much as relates to printing the Journal and printing generally, to report this session.

To the Committee on the State of the Order so much as relates to violation of the laws with regard to printing odes.

So much as relates to correspondence to Committee of Correspondence.

WM. M. ALLEN,
G. D. TEWKSBURY,
ROBERT S. HARRIS.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of P. G. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Master of Virginia, respectfully report as follows:

A petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, asking for a charter for a new lodge; P. G. Rogers, one of the representatives of Union Lodge, No. 7, in that Grand Lodge was a signer of the petition. When the vote by lodges was called upon the granting the charter, the Grand Master decided that P. G. Rogers was disqualified from casting the vote of Union Lodge in consequence of his being a signer of the petition, basing such decision upon the 22d rule of order for the government of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which says "no member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately or personally interested," from which decision the appeal is taken. Your committee are of the opinion that a petitioner to a Grand Lodge for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, who has complied with the requisitions of the law, is not entitled to a vote upon any question in the Grand Lodge, for the reason that accompanying the petition must be the withdrawal cards of the petitioners from their Subordinate Lodges, which severs their connection with and disqualifies them from voting in the Grand Lodge.

But in the investigation of this matter your committee find that P. G. Rogers had not withdrawn from his Subordinate Lodge, and was a competent and legal representative in the Grand Lodge, and are of the opinion that he was entitled to vote upon any question of general interest to the Order, and his being a signer to the petition, under the circumstances, does not disqualify him from voting on the question under the 22d rule of Order. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HOLMES.
J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. McKEE,

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were recommended the report presented yesterday in relation to the amendment proposed by P. G. Sire Glazier, to sec. 21, art. 3, div. 3, of the Digest, with instructions to report said amendment, report:

That they can see no ground for changing their opinion as expressed in said report, but in accordance with the instructions of this G. Lodge, they submit the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That sec. 21, art. 3, div. 3, of the Digest, be amended by inserting the words "or revived" after "new" in the fourth line.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, that all forms of prayer heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, for the use of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, except the prayers laid down in the charge books, be repealed, report:

That no forms of prayer, beside those laid down in the charge books, have been adopted by this Grand Lodge, with the single exception of a form of prayer for funeral services, on page 94 of the Digest, and that the use of this form is left optional, the only requisition being, that if any form is used, that laid down in the Digest shall be used. The committee are of opinion that this single form of prayer meets with much general approbation; they therefore recommend that the same be retained.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of W. J. Baxter, Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, upon the decision of the Grand Master (which was sustained by the Grand Lodge) as to a question of voting, ask leave to report:

A resolution was pending before said Grand Lodge in these words, viz: "*Resolved*, That the memorial of P. G. Cleaveland be returned

to him, with this expression of the views of the Grand Lodge—that Adrian Lodge has, upon again tendering him a card of clearance as of the date when applied for, done all that was necessary on the part of said Adrian Lodge in the matter, and that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed;” which resolution was offered as a substitute for one before pending.

The representatives of lodges No. 5 and No. 7, in accordance with article iv, section 3 of the constitution of said Grand Lodge, page 29 of copy herewith forwarded, called for a vote by representatives on the resolution.

The vote had been taken, and the result announced by the Secretary to the Grand Master, but not yet by the Grand Master announced to the lodge, when Rep. Platt called for the ayes and noes by members, as distinguished from ayes and noes by representatives—claiming the right to do so under No. 18 of rules of order, page 38 Proceedings of Grand Lodge, herewith forwarded.

Grand Secretary Baxter raised the point of order that, under the constitution, article iv, section 3, all votes, except on election of Grand Officers, must be taken by representatives of lodges when called for, as had been done in this case by the representatives of two Subordinate Lodges, and that the ayes and noes must be counted by representations, and not by members; and further, that it was too late to call for the ayes and noes by members, even if otherwise correct, after the vote had been taken in a different manner, and nothing remained but for the Grand Master to declare the result.

The Grand Master decided that the call for the ayes and noes was in order, and that it was not too late at any time before the result of the vote had been declared by the Grand Master.

Grand Secretary Baxter appealed from the decision of the chair.

Rep. Platt called for the ayes and noes by members on appeal.

Before they were ordered, lodges No. 5 and No. 7 called for the vote by representations.

The Grand Master decided that a vote by representations could not be taken if the ayes and noes by members on the call of Rep. Platt were ordered, and that his call had precedence.

Whereupon the vote on the appeal was taken by ayes and noes of members, and the decision of the Grand Master was sustained by the Grand Lodge.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan provides that all questions before the Grand Lodge, except those of removal from office, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present, unless when the representatives of two subordinates require the vote to be taken by representatives, &c.—*Art. iv, Sec. 3, clause 1.*

The 18th rule of order of the said Grand Lodge provides that on the call of one-fifth of the members present the ayes and noes shall be ordered and recorded.

Your committee do not deem that any conflict need necessarily arise under these provisions. The only question is as to relative

precedences; and your committee have no difficulty in deciding that the course prescribed by the constitution properly should take precedence, and overrule that prescribed by the rules of order, provided that the demand authorized be made before the intervention of other business.

The Grand Master, therefore, erred in deciding that a call for the ayes and noes, as provided for by the rules of order, had precedence over the call of a vote by representations, as provided for by the constitution, which your committee regard as the only important point at issue. They offer for adoption the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
HENRY HOLMES,
W. H. McKEE.

Resolved, That the appeal of Grand Secretary Baxter be sustained.

Rep. Dickson, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the New Jersey and Pennsylvania difficulty, report:

That they have carefully examined all the papers respecting the case, and find that the whole difficulty has been properly adjusted, satisfactory to the Grand Representatives of New Jersey, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reprimanding her Subordinate Lodge for the power she assumed towards Leni Lenape Lodge of New Jersey.

The committee, therefore, recommend no further legislation by this Grand Lodge upon the subject.

JOHN H. WAKEFIELD,
RICHARD MARLEY,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

Rep. Boak, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Norman Miller, of Virginia, be allowed to visit this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be required to inquire into and report upon the expediency of the passage of a law by this R. W. Body, establishing the length of time that a brother must be a member of the Order before he is entitled to receive his several degrees, and making it uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, "that Grand Lodges have and possess power to publish odes for the use of Subordinate Lodges," have considered the subject, and report:

That in volume ii of Journal, page 956, they find that this subject has been legislated upon, and a resolution passed declaring that this body alone has the right to print or publish lectures, charges or odes, and any violation of this right is in opposition to the laws of this Grand body.

Your committee would, therefore, offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to repeal or alter the law now in force.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved to amend the resolution accompanying as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the law on page 956, volume ii of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, as prohibits the printing of the odes of the Order by individuals and State Grand Lodges, be and is hereby repealed.

Pending this question, Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess for half an hour, which was agreed to.

The Grand Lodge having re-assembled, proceeded again to the consideration of the question pending at the time of the adoption of the order for a recess, being the amendment moved by Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, to the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Finance, on the subject of printing the odes.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved that the subject lay on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution reported by the Committee on Finance;" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Conrad, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Fritz, (2 votes) Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Kneass, McKee, (2 votes) Marley, Minor, Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Sessford, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes) Tewksbury, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes) Wakefield, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Wildey, Glazier, Hopkins—50.

NAYS.—Reps. Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Deering, (2 votes) Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Knight, (2 votes) Lott, Merrick, (2 votes) Page, Parker, Roberts, Spooner, Taylor, of Ill.—21.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to have the odes for Subordinate Lodges printed in the German language.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, Abell, of Connecticut, and Ballou, of Vermont, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to record their votes in the negative upon the report and resolutions of the Committee on Finance, declaring it inexpedient to alter existing laws upon the subject of printing the odes.

The chair named the following committee:

Special committee of three, to whom was referred so much as relates to printing the Journal and printing generally: Reps. Allen, of Pa.; Askew, of Del.; Moore, of D. C.

Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, moved the following order, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That no new business shall be received by this Grand Lodge after the hour of 3 o'clock P. M. of this day.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved the following proceeding, which was agreed to:

P. G. Sire Hopkins stated to the Grand Lodge that, at the introduction of the Order, and organization of the lodge at Honolulu, in the Sandwich Islands, Past Rep. AtLee furnished them with a copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (his private property) and whereas the lodge at Honolulu were of right entitled to have a copy of said proceedings, therefore,

Resolved, That Past Rep. AtLee be presented by the Grand Secretary with a copy of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge without charge.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana relative to the law of the last session upon the subject of the minutes of lodges working in the German language, report:

That upon an examination of said communication they can see no good reason for altering the law of the last session, as laid down on page 1113, volume ii of the Journal, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

WHEREAS several of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments have had printed, and authorized their subordinates to have printed, the odes prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the use of members of said Subordinates:

Resolved, That the said act of these Grand State Lodges and Encampments and

the said subordinates be legalized, but in no case hereafter will this Grand Lodge sanction such proceedings on the part of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, or their subordinates.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of Independence Lodge, No. 4, of the State of Arkansas, report:

That they have examined the same, and, with the exception of article xviii, prescribing the requisites of membership, and the scarcity of constitutional matter, find it correct.

Article xviii provides that, "to be worthy of initiation into the lodge the applicant must be free born," &c., and the laws of the order confining to free white persons the right of membership, it becomes requisite that some addition should be made to the article. Your committee, therefore, recommend that Independence Lodge, No. 4, be directed to amend the said article by striking out the word "freeborn," and substituting the words "a free white male," and that with such addition the said constitution be approved. This constitution contains few provisions, scarcely enough to enable it to exist, while many provisions, fundamental in character, and necessary to a perfect existence of the lodge, are placed among the by-laws. The sections from 2 to 22 inclusive, and the section 24 of these by-laws, should probably form part of the constitution of the lodge; many of them treating of principles and practices of the Order, such as dues, fees, initiations, degrees, depositing cards, &c.

We, therefore, recommend that Independence Lodge, No. 4, of Arkansas, be requested to amend their constitution by enacting the above named sections of the by-laws as articles of the constitution.

ROB'T MOTT,
W. MERRICK,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, moved to amend the report as follows:

Strike out the words, "and substituting the words a free white male," also strike out the word "addition," and supply the word "alteration."

P. G. S. Glazier moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Constitutions?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for examination, report:

That they have examined and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for examination, report:

That they have examined, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and referred again to the committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the two constitutions from the Grand Lodge of New York, report:

That, in consequence of the existing difficulties in that State, and the impossibility of deciding which constitution shall be approved, they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of Lone Star Encampment of Texas, report:

That they have examined the same, and recommend its approval after striking out the 4th section of article iv.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to examine any proposals that may be made, and to contract with some competent and responsible person, for furnishing the necessary paper, printing, stitching and covering the regular edition of the Journal of the present session; the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan and Treadwell's edition of the first volume of the proceedings of this body, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so soon as copies are printed. And that said committee be directed to enter upon said contract, if practicable, during the session of this body, and, if not practicable, then within ten days after it shall have adjourned; and if the Grand Secretary shall not be duly informed of a con-

tract having been made within two weeks after the adjournment, that then the said officer be authorized and directed to contract for having the work done, according to the style above mentioned, in the most expeditious manner practicable.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge for the payment to P. G. Alfred Mudge, of Boston, for certain odes and music adopted by the committee on the revision of the work of the Order; also for plates of music as per schedule presented to the Committee of Petitions at the last session of this body, said odes and music being claimed as the private property of said Mudge, which he allowed said committee to use without the least supposition that this Grand Lodge would afterwards pass a law prohibiting him from printing said odes and music, for which he had paid the above sum of money, expecting to make himself good from their sale.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to prepare new odes and music to be used by Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and also to revise the initiation and degrees of the Subordinate Lodges and to submit the same to this Grand Body at its next session, provided that it shall be distinctly understood that no charge shall be made, or expense incurred for such work.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by a majority, was put in the form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from this Grand Lodge for the purpose of submitting the same to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for alterations.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing in this City a Journal devoted to the interests of the Order, to be published weekly or monthly, under the superintendence of a committee to be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting officers of subordinates from giving sanction by their signatures to diplomas, other than those adopted by this worthy Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That no new business will be considered by the Grand Lodge of the United States after to-morrow, Friday evening, 22d inst. at 4 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following amendments to the by-laws:

Resolved, That all after the words "The regalia of the Order shall be as follows," in article xxv of the by-laws, be stricken out and the following inserted:

Section 1. Subordinate Lodges.—1st. *Initiatory Members* a plain white apron.

2. *Members of the First Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with white ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

3. *Members of the Second Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with pink-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

4. *Members of the Third Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

5. *Members of the Fourth Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with green-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

6. *Members of the Fifth Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width. They may also wear a rosette of the five colors of the Order on the collar, where it is connected, and have any of the emblems belonging to the five degrees painted upon their aprons.

7. *Outside Guardian.*—White apron and scarlet sash; apron to be trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width. Sash to be united with a scarlet rosette, in the centre a silver star.

8. *Inside Guardian.*—White apron and blue sash; apron to be trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width. Sash to be united with a blue rosette, with a silver star in the centre.

9. *Scene Supporters.*—White aprons and white sash; the sash to be united with a white rosette, with a silver star in the centre.

10. *Chaplain.*—White apron and sash, to be united with a rosette displaying the five colors of the Order, with silver star in the centre.

11. *Warden and Conductor.*—White aprons and black sashes; apron to be trimmed with black-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width, the sash to be united with a black rosette, with a silver star in the centre.

12. *Supporters of the V. G.*—White aprons and blue sashes; apron to be trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width, the sash united by a rosette displaying the three colors, viz. white, pink and blue.

13. *Supporters of the N. G.*—White aprons and scarlet sashes; aprons to be trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width; the sash to be connected by a rosette displaying the five colors of the Order, with a silver star in the centre.

14. *Treasurer and Secretaries.*—White aprons and green collars; the aprons to be trimmed with green-colored ribbon, tape or braid, and the collar with silver lace or white braid, one-half of one inch in width, and on the collar four silver stars.

15. *Vice Grand.*—White apron and blue collar; the apron to be trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, and the collar with silver lace or white braid, one-half of one inch in width, and four silver stars.

16. *N. G.*—White apron and collar; the apron to be trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid; the collar with silver lace or white braid one-half of one inch in width, and four silver stars.

17. *Extra Regalia to be worn at the pleasure of the Lodges while in session.*—*Scene Supporters.*—White caps or turbans, and white robes or other dress of the same color.

Guardians.—White caps or turbans.

Warden and Conductor.—black caps or turbans, and black robes or other dress of the same color.

Supporters of the V. G.—Caps or turbans of white and blue.

Supporters of the N. G.—Caps or turbans of white, blue and scarlet.

Treasurer and Secretaries.—Caps or turbans of white and green.

Vice Grand.—Caps or turbans of blue, and a blue robe, or other dress of the same color.

Noble Grand.—Scarlet cap or turban, and a scarlet robe, or other scarlet dress.

SECTION 2. *Grand Lodge.*—1. *Members.*—Scarlet aprons and sashes, to be trimmed with silver lace or white braid, one-half of one inch in width, and silver fringe or bullion two inches in length; the sash to be connected by a rosette displaying the five colors of the Order, with a silver star in the centre.

2. *Officers.*—To wear the same regalia as members, with the addition of the appropriate jewel of office, and provided if he has attained the R. P. degree the apron and sash may be trimmed with gold instead of silver.

3. Past Grands may have their regalia embroidered in silver, and officers and past officers, if they have attained the R. Purple degree, with gold and silver, or either.

4. The emblems of the Order may be laid, painted or embroidered upon the regalia of Past Grands and officers of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. *Subordinate Encampments.*—1. Members who have attained the R. P. degree, black aprons and royal purple collars, to be trimmed with gold lace or braid one-half of one inch in width, and gold fringe or bullion two inches and a half in length; they may be embroidered, and have the emblems represented in gold.

2. During the conferring of the degrees, officers and members shall be clothed in strict conformity to the work as laid down in the charge books.

3. Inside Warden and Sentinel to be the same as the first clause of this section, with appropriate jewels.

4. Chief Patriarch, Senior Warden, High Priest, Scribe and Treasurer, same regalia as in first clause, with the addition of four gold stars upon the collar.

SECTION 4. *Grand Encampment.*—1. *Members.*—Black aprons and royal purple sashes, to be trimmed with gold lace or braid one-half of one inch in width, and gold fringe or bullion two inches and a half in length; the sash to be united with a purple rosette with a gold star in the centre.

2. *Officers*.—The same as above, with proper jewels, and a rosette upon the shoulder of the sash of the colors of the Subordinate Lodges, surrounded by the colors of the encampment.

SEC. 5. *Grand Lodge of the United States*.—Officers, Past Representatives and Representatives shall wear a royal purple collar of velvet, of the pattern shown in the annexed drawing, to be trimmed with gold bullion fringe two inches wide, and one strip of half inch wide gold lace, and at the points gold tassels of bullion two inches in length, and ornamented with an embroidered eight-pointed gold star, the star to be elongated up and down. Also, a roll or turn-over of scarlet velvet around the neck, one-third the width of the collar, embroidered with silver, and edged around with two rows of silver cord; the collar to be held together by three links of gold braid, to which the jewel is suspended.

SEC. 6. *Jewels*.—The jewel shall be a representative of the emblem of the office.

The jewel of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges shall be of white metal or silver.

Past Grands, a five-pointed open star.

Noble Grands, crossed gavels.

Vice Grands, hour-glass.

Secretaries, crossed pens.

Treasurer, crossed keys.

Warden, heart and hand.

Scene Supporters, crossed torches.

Conductor, crossed arrows.

Supporters of Noble Grand, crossed scarlet wands.

Supporters of Vice Grand, crossed blue wands.

Outside Guardian, crossed swords.

Inside Guardian, single sword.

2. *Grand Lodge*.—P. G. Masters, a five-pointed open star, with sun in the centre.

Grand Master, five-pointed open star, with crossed gavels.

D. G. Master and District D. G. Master, five-pointed open star, with hour-glass.

Grand Warden, five-pointed open star, with heart and hand.

Grand Secretary, five-pointed open star, with crossed pens.

Grand Treasurer, five-pointed open star, with crossed keys.

Grand Conductor, five-pointed open star, with crossed arrows.

Grand Guardian, five-pointed open star, with crossed swords.

Grand Marshal, five-pointed open star, with baton in the centre.

SEC. 7. *Subordinate Encampments*.—The jewels of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments shall be of yellow metal or gold.

C. P., a single triangle, with a representation of an altar and crossed crooks in the centre.

H. P., same, triangle, with representation of breast-plate in the centre.

S. W., same, triangle, with crossed crooks.

Junior W., same, triangle, with single crook.

Scribe, same, triangle, with crossed pens.

Treasurer, same, triangle, with crossed keys.

Sentinel, same, triangle, with crossed swords.

2. *Grand Encampment*.—Officers of the Grand Encampment, double triangle; otherwise, as designated for officers of the Subordinate Encampments.

SEC. 8. *Grand Lodge of the United States*.—1. The jewels of Representatives and Past Representatives shall be a medal three inches in diameter of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the arms of the State represented, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. If a Past Representative, he may have on the reverse side a representation of the jewel of the highest office he has filled in a State Grand Lodge or State Grand Encampment.

2. Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire, medal as above, on one side of which the arms of the United States, on the reverse side, his name, date of election and installation.

Deputy Grand Sire and Past Deputy Grand Sire, the same medal, with the American shield and motto.

Secretary, same medal, with the American shield and crossed pens in chief.

Treasurer, same medal, with the American shield with crossed keys in chief.

Marshal, same medal, with sword and scales in chief.

Guardian, same medal, with the American shield, crossed swords in chief.

Grand Chaplain, same medal, with the American shield, and Bible in chief.

Messenger, same medal, with the American shield, dove and olive branch in chief.

SEC. 9. Past officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be entitled to wear the regalia and jewel of the highest office to which they have attained.

Resolved, That the provisions of the foregoing law is not intended to apply so far as to require lodges, encampments and members to purchase new regalia to conform with the above on account of any slight variation from the law in that they may have on hand at the time of the promulgation of the above amendments.

Resolved, further, That all new regalia that lodges, encampments and members may purchase hereafter shall comply strictly with the law.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the Grand Lodge agreed to take up the amendment to the by-laws proposed by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, (page 1103) now lying on the table, which, being under consideration, was, on his motion, indefinitely postponed.

The chair named the following committee.

Special Committee under Rep. Moore's motion as to Printing.—Reps. Marley, of Md., Sessford, D. C., Fritz, of Pa.

On motion of Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Disosway, of that State, for the residue of the session.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, Past Rep. Samuel Yorke AtLee, chairman of the committee on portraits of P. G. Sires and C. Secretary, appointed at the last session, was permitted to make a report.

P. G. Rep. Samuel Yorke AtLee, from the committee appointed at the last session, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

M. W. GRAND SIRE:—The select committee appointed at the last session of this body (see page 1070 Journal, 1847) “for the purpose of obtaining the likenesses of such of our Past Grand Sires whose portraits are not in possession of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also the portrait of the R. W. G. C. Secretary,” respectfully report, as accepted by the committee, the likenesses of Past Grand Sires Gettys, Keyser, Perkins, Hopkins and Sherlock.

The likenesses of P. G. Sires Perkins and Hopkins are now within this hall; that of P. G. Sire Sherlock would have been ready for presentation with this report, but for unavoidable circumstances preventing its seasonable transmission from Cincinnati.

The likenesses of P. G. Sires Gettys and Keyser are in the hands of an artist of Baltimore, and are in process of completion under the supervision and direction of the G. C. Secretary, who, on request of the committee, has kindly consented to assume that responsibility.

The committee report as in progress the likenesses of P. G. Sires Glazier and Kennedy; also, that of the Grand C. Secretary, which will be ready for presentation to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session. All which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L YORKE ATLEE
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
THOS. SPOONER.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 21, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the officers and a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, the lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the constitution, article i, proposed by Rep. Clark, of New Jersey, page 1123 Journal, now lying on the table; which proposed amendment is in words following, to wit:

Amend article i of constitution, page 15, bottom line, after the words “Odd-Fellowship,” add, “that the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge—and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge.”

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Bond, Brown of N. H., (2 votes) Brown of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes) Dickson, Forman, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, (2 votes) Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, Marley, Moore, Morton, Page, (2 votes) Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, (2 votes) Roberts, (2 votes) Sessford, Silsby, Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, Wakefield, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman. Past Grand Sires Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins—64.

NAYS.—None.

So the amendment was adopted, and now forms a part of the constitution.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, it was ordered that one hundred copies of the Report of the Committee on the New York controversy, with the evidence and documents accompanying, be printed for the confidential use of the representatives.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the officers and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following communication from the Grand Lodge of British North America, which was on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, ordered to be spread upon the journal:

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, I. O. O. F.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Montreal, 15th Sep. 1848.

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America and jurisdiction thereto belonging.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Dear Brother: A resolution of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America has assigned to me the pleasing duty of acknowledging your very kind and acceptable communication, by the hands of Special Grand Representative Ridgely.

I am desirous to express the great gratification with which this Grand Lodge has received the assurance of affectionate regard and confidence, which you have thus been pleased to tender to it; and more especially its pleasure at receiving them through such hands, and welcoming, as the first Special Grand Representative accredited to itself from your Right Worthy Grand Lodge, a Brother every way

so distinguished in the Order, and having such peculiarly strong claims to the respect and esteem of the Branch of the Order here established, as Past Grand Brother Ridgely.

Allow me to add, that by none are these sentiments more sincerely entertained than by

Your friend and brother,

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. Green, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a Diploma and one full copy of the proceedings of this body be presented to each of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following amendment to the 43d rule of order, which was agreed to:

Article 43. No person shall be allowed to cast his vote after the ballot has been announced by the Chair, unless by unanimous consent.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved that the representatives of the several States be authorized to correct the annual reports of their respective States, by the addition of the names of Grand Officers, which was agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, relative to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the case of A. W. Hamilton, report:

That A. W. Hamilton having applied to Watson Lodge, No. 32, for initiation, (this lodge being the one nearest to his place of residence,) was rejected; shortly after he applied to Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, (a lodge more remote from his residence,) as the committee understood, informed said Phoenix Lodge of his nearer residence to Watson Lodge, Phoenix Lodge applied to Watson Lodge for permission to initiate him, but without waiting an answer, proceeded to do so. Watson Lodge complained to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, who upon investigating the matter discovered the initiation was made by Phoenix Lodge in consequence of a dispensation from the District Deputy Grand Master. The question which it is necessary for the committee to consider is, whether A. W. Hamilton having been illegally initiated, should be considered an Odd-Fellow? Upon this point the committee concur fully with the report adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky—having been initiated innocently on his part, he is unquestionably entitled to remain in the Order. The punishment to be awarded to the D. D. Grand Master and to Phoenix Lodge for the violation of the laws of the Order, is a matter for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to determine, since both Lodges and the D. D. Grand Master are subject to her jurisdiction.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, relative to the power of Grand Masters to require from Subordinate Lodges copies of their proceedings, report :

That the powers of a Grand Master as laid down in section 6, article ii, Division 3 of the Digest, would seem to extend in this particular no further than the right to examine the books of a subordinate, but the committee are of opinion that as an incident to this power, he has the right to make extracts himself or one appointed by him for that purpose. The Grand Lodge alone should have power to require copies of the proceedings.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Smith, of Maine, that the term of Subordinate Encampments should be extended to one year, report:

That the extension having been considered and rejected at the last session of this body, and no sufficient reasons having since then arisen to demand the change, the committee recommend the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for permission to remove Palestine Encampment, No. 3, of Rhode Island, from the town of Newport to Woonsocket, respectfully report :

That this change of location is asked for by thirteen members of the camp, in a letter dated at Newport, on the 7th instant, and is urged on the ground that the removal is necessary to prevent a dissolution of the camp. Ten of its members are residents of Woonsocket, and it is represented that those residing at Newport desire the change, which is earnestly seconded by the District Deputy Grand Sire, who resides at Providence. The camp has but few members, not exceeding twenty-five or thirty.

Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted by locating Palestine Encampment at Woonsocket, instead of Newport.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. McKee, recorded at page 1196 of the proceedings of the present session, respectfully report:

That at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, held at Wilmington in May last, the following resolution was passed by a vote of Lodges, ayes 9, noes 2: "*Resolved*, That the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the hall of Manote Lodge, No. 8, in the city of Raleigh, on the second Wednesday in May next, and that our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ask the consent of that Grand Body thereto.,,

Your committee on petitions recommend that the consent of this Grand Lodge be given, as requested in the above resolution.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH. F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the petition of Jared C. Jocelyn, Hiram Lanham, Stewart W. Cayce, Wm. B. Robertson, Solomon Marlboro, Matthias Peterson, Andrew Farrell, Joseph A. Moffit, N. F. Webb and J. B. Williamson, who represent themselves as having formerly been members, and now holding cards from Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, (extinct,) of New Albany, Indiana, the Committee on Petitions submit the following report:

That the brethren above named pray for the restoration to them of the charter of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of Indiana; which prayer is seconded by the Grand Encampment of that State, as appears by an official transcript from its proceedings, in these words: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Indiana, hereby gives its consent for a sufficient number of the original members of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, located at New Albany, but now extinct, to apply to the M. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for a restoration of the charter and effects of said extinct Encampment, upon their producing the requisite evidence of their good standing in the Order to the Grand

Lodge of the United States, and complying with the regulations of the Order in regard to extinct Encampments."

There being no evidence before your committee of the good standing of the petitioners, or of their having complied with all the law of the case, as required by the Grand Encampment of Indiana, your committee recommend that when the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are fully satisfied on these several points, they be authorized and directed to restore to the petitioners the charter and effects prayed for, provided these articles be in the possession or under the control of this body, or of any of its officers or agents.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented by Rep. Spooner, of that state, and submit the following report:

The committee regrets exceedingly that their duty requires them to express themselves in strong terms on this subject.

The preamble and resolutions in question appear to the committee to reflect indecorously on the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at former communications. The committee therefore report, that it would not become this Grand Lodge to take any action on the resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the memorial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, respectfully report:

That at the session of 1846 of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a petition was received from Covenant Lodge, of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, appealing from an act of SUSPENSION, which had been passed against her by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. In this petition it was stated that the Grand Lodge had refused its permission for the appeal, but that the property of the Lodge *had been surrendered*. The petition was thus regarded as one which this body might *appropriately* entertain.

It now appears, however, by the official papers submitted at the last session by the Grand Lodge of the District, (which had no

opportunity of offering them at the session of 1846,) that Covenant Lodge surrendered to the Grand Lodge only her working books, seal, charter, Treasurer's book, and *one* record book, (retaining *one*) and that she *retained in her own possession ALL* the emblems, regalia, and other usual effects of a Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia remonstrates, that, under these circumstances, her subordinate *was not* entitled to appeal to this body

In view of the law, which provides that no Lodge can appeal to this body without the consent of its Grand Lodge, unless in the case of an *expelled* Lodge which has surrendered its *effects*, your committee do not think that the surrender of the articles above enumerated was such a surrender of effects as the General Laws contemplate, and they therefore deem the objections urged by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to be just and proper, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. McKEE,
HENRY HOLMES.

Resolved, That, as it appears from duly authenticated documents presented by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, that Covenant Lodge, in retaining her emblems, jewels, furniture, &c, *did not* make such a surrender of *effects* as is contemplated by the general constitution, the action of this Grand Lodge in the premises was irregular, because said petition of Covenant Lodge did not come regularly before this Grand Body.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia,, moved to amend the resolution, as follows, which was accepted by the Committee:

Provided, nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall be construed in any wise to impair the rights and position of Covenant Lodge, as secured and defined in the legislation of the Grand Lodge heretofore had in the case.

Rep. Wakefield moved the previous question, which being seconded, was put in form following: "shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the Committee on Appeals," which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance report that in the discharge of their duty they have carefully examined the books and other documents of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find the same correct, with properly authenticated vouchers.

The condition of the treasury is as follows:

In balance cash on hand September 23, 1847, as per report of Finance Committee of that date,	-	-	-	-	\$6,206 79
Cash paid to Treasurer by the Secretary from Sept. 23, 1847, to Sept. 20th, 1848, for Representative Tax,					
Books, Cards, Interest, &c.	.	-	-	-	9,896 42
Total	-	-	-	-	\$16,103 21

Amount paid by Grand Treasurer, as per his account
stated, from Sept. 23d, 1847, to Sept. 20th 1848, - 11,346 45

Total balance in Treasury, - - - \$4,756 76

The following claims against the G. Lodge have been
examined and found correct:

M. W. G. S. Horn R. Kneass, postages,	-	\$31 27
“ “ expenses,		25 00
R. W. D. G. S. N. A. Thompson, expenses,		60 00
P. G. S. Z. B. Glazier, expenses attending com- mittee of P. G. Sires.	- - -	25 00
Smith Skinner, expenses as Grand Marshal,		25 00
James D. McCabe, expenses as Grand Chap- lain,	- - - - -	70 00
James L. Ridgely, expenses as Representative to G. L. of B. N. A.	- - - - -	100 00
P. G. S. Hopkins, expenses attending committee of P. G. Sires,	- - - - -	25 00
Mrs. A. Sisco, eight collars for Officers Grand Lodge U. S.	- - - - -	96 00
		<u>\$457 27</u>

Which amount the committee recommend to be paid
by the Treasurer.

Total unappropriated cash balance in treasury, - - \$4,299 49

This Grand Lodge holds 64 shares of Ohio 6 per cent

Stock, for which they have paid,	- - - - -	\$6,017 00
Maryland State Stock,	- - - - -	2,800 00

In consequence of the increased duties of the Grand Treasurer, the committee respectfully recommend that the compensation to said officer be increased \$100. The trifling compensation of \$100, now received by that officer, the committee deem to be wholly insufficient.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer two protested drafts, one for \$50 on E. Winchester & Co., the other on Graham & Co. for \$75, and by a document of Grand Secretary the sum of \$4,846 97, due by Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to this Grand Lodge.

All of which, with the accompanying resolutions, is respectfully submitted

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of Grand Officers' salaries, viz: Grand Secretary \$1,200, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; Grand Treasurer \$200, payable quarterly on his own receipt; Grand Messenger \$400, payable quarterly on his own order on Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby ordered to forthwith put in suit the drafts above mentioned on Winchester & Co. and Graham & Co.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed, on or before the first day of May, in each year, to transmit to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, a full statement of its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, so indebted, shall remit the amount due to the Grand Secretary at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to prepare a schedule of the amounts due to the Grand Lodge of the United States by the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to the day of meeting, and furnish the same to the Committee on Credentials, with the certificates of election. The certificates of representatives from Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, shall not be reported on favorably when such Grand bodies are deprived of their vote in the Grand Lodge under the xii article of the by-laws.

Rep. Thomas, of Connecticut, moved to amend the third resolution accompanying the report of the committee, as follows, which was not agreed to:

And within thirty days thereafter shall draw on the Grand Treasurer of the Grand bodies for the amounts due.

On motion of Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, the report was adopted.

The question being on the resolutions, on motion of Rep. Bond, they were considered seriatim.

The first resolution being considered, Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, moved to strike out eighteen hundred and insert nineteen hundred; the words four hundred, and insert five hundred—which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to. The other resolutions were respectively considered and adopted.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Junior Past Grand be elected by his Subordinate Lodge as a representative to the State Grand Lodge?

Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Whether by the action of a Grand Encampment of a State, in adopting a form of constitution for subordinates, the subordinates in existence, and working under constitutions approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, are bound to conform to the constitution prescribed by the Grand Encampment?

Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, moved the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Can a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, on conviction of an officer under a charge of *official misconduct*, inflict a punishment which shall, by suspension or expulsion, deprive him of his *rights in Odd-Fellowship*?

2d. What is the extent of penalty which can be adjudged upon an *officer* by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who shall have been found guilty of *official misconduct*—his character as a man and Odd-Fellow not being impugned in any way?

3d. Can the officers of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment use the seal to verify or attest the good standing of any brother of this lodge, without a formal vote of the lodge, where there is no prohibition in its constitution or by-laws, or in the laws of the superior body?

4th. What is the law or usage respecting the power of the officers of a lodge over its seal, independent of any vote of the lodge; and have not officers power

to use the seal to grant certificates or cards to members in good standing, without a vote, nothing prohibitory appearing in its By-laws?

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby consents that the Most Worthy Grand Sire shall appoint and commission a special Grand Representative, from this Grand body, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, at its next session—*Provided*, he in his judgment shall consider such appointment required by the interests of the Order.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions report:

That they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the Grand Encampment of Indiana, and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and finding them correct, recommend their approval. They also recommend the approval of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, as corrected by this committee—these corrections consisting in erasures of work of the Order.

ROB'T MOTT,
P. MERRICK,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia, report:

That they have examined and recommend the approval thereof.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Michigan, report:

That they have examined and recommend its approval, as they have corrected it by striking out the words: "and there faithfully represent the interests and wishes of this Grand Encampment," from section 6 of article iv, which prescribes the duty of the Grand representative.

The committee have felt it their duty to thus amend this Constitution, from a belief that it is the duty of grand representatives to advocate the interest of the Order without regard to sectional

interests, feelings or prejudices, and that it is not competent for any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to restrict the rights conferred by the laws and uses of the Order upon the members of the Lodge

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, during the remainder of the session, and that he be authorized to instruct Representatives in the work of the Order.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report "as relates to uniform Constitutions for Grand Lodges and Encampments," respectfully report :

That having given the subject that deliberate consideration to which it was entitled, and after mature reflection being of opinion that much good will be produced by the adoption of a uniform Constitution for Grand Lodges and for Grand Encampments, the Grand Lodge of the United States being the source "of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship," without whose warrant a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment cannot exist, and the power to "enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general," it should in the opinion of your committee furnish to each Grand Lodge and each Grand Encampment a Constitution so framed as to meet the wants of the Order in each of its branches. They, therefore, offer the following resolution.

H. HOPKINS,
B. F. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge a form of Constitution for all Grand Lodges, and also a form of Constitution for all Grand Encampments.

Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the opinion of the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be requested on the subject of the above report, to be communicated to this body previous to the next session.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put as follows: Shall the main question be now put? which was agreed to. The main question was then put as follows: Will the lodge adopt the report and resolution submitted by the committee? which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Askew, Ballou, Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Frost, Griffin, Holmes, Kneass, Lott, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Page, Patten, Ridgely, Roberts,

Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Taylor, of Illinois, Tewksbury, Thorington, Whittall, Woodward, Zimmerman. Past Grand Sires Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—35.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Chapman, of Indiana, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Fritz, (2 votes,) Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Haines, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) McKee, (2 votes,) Marley, Merrick, (2 votes,) Minor, Moore, Read, Robinson, Sessford, Spooner, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, Wakefield; P. G. Sire Perkins—37.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee further report that they unite with the Grand Sire in opinion that the construction which was (by the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order at the last Session, page 42, section 2) to the 10th article of the By-Laws, is calculated to produce evil instead of good. They therefore offer the following resolution.

H. HOPKINS,
B. B. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

Resolved, That Sec. 1, Art. 10, division 2, page 42, of Digest, be amended by striking out the words "in the interval between the adoption of the constitution or amendments, and its confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is binding on the body by which it has been adopted."

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The same committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge of Alabama in relation to the organization of the State Grand Lodge, report:

That having considered and reflected upon the matters contained in said communication, they *are of opinion* that *Past Grands*, being by the fundamental laws of the Order entitled to certain privileges, and having certain rights vested in them, cannot surrender these privileges and rights to any body in the Order; they may fail to use them, but the right remains so long as they are members of good standing in the Order.

That a change in the organization of the State Grand Lodges does not, in the opinion of your committee, appear necessary. "Article i, section 5, division 3, of Digest, page 43, authorizes a State Grand Lodge by its constitution to restrict its legislative power to such representative basis as it may deem best for the proper transaction of business." The exercise of this authority by State Grand Lodges will correct the evil arising from there being a large number of members belonging to a Grand Lodge.

H. HOPKINS,
B. F. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. B. DICKSON,

Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Subordinate Lodge refuse to receive the dues of a Brother who shall be indebted to the Lodge to an amount sufficient to deprive him of the benefits, but who shall in other respects be in good standing in the Lodge.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Past Grand Sires, after the year 1852, shall continue entitled to a perpetual seat in this Grand Lodge, and to the privilege of participating in its debates; but they shall unitedly cast only a *single* vote.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Article viii be so amended as to read:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to not more than five votes on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, to be cast individually when there shall be five or less Past Grand Sires present; and collectively when more than five are present, three of said votes to be determined and cast by a majority, and two by the minority of said Past Grand Sires, should there be a division among them as to said votes. Past Grand Sire Willdey, is hereby excepted from the operation of the above, who shall ever be entitled to his single vote.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three, to be styled the Legislative Committee, to whom shall be referred all questions of new legislation, be appointed.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is as imperative upon all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to furnish the officers of their respective Lodges and Encampments with the jewels appertaining to their rank and station, as laid down in the work of the Order, on pages 28 and 9, as it is for members thereof to be clothed in suitable regalia.

Rep. Dixon, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to take into consideration the expediency of building a College by this Grand Lodge, for the education of Orphan children of Odd Fellows, and to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to decisions on questions of law and usage, and so much as relates to cards issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge of British North America, report:

That in the first decision of the Grand Sire, viz. that in the absence of any constitutional provision upon the subject an encampment cannot displace an officer for non-attendance, the committee fully concur. It is always in the power of a subordinate to pass

such by-laws as will guard against this evil; they, therefore, recommend that the same be confirmed.

That in the decision of the Grand Sire that cards issued by the Grand Lodge of British North America are valid in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the committee fully concur. The spirit of the resolutions adopted at the session of 1846, under which the Grand Lodge of British North America was established, can, in the opinion of the committee, bear no other interpretation than that placed by the Grand Sire. Neither can the committee hesitate to concur with the decision that the A. T. P. W. can be given to a brother from that jurisdiction, in the same manner as is established by custom in our own, and laid down in section 8, article vi, division 2 of the Digest. They, therefore, recommend that the same be confirmed.

That the committee fully concur with the Grand Sire in his decision that a Grand representative, who is in possession of the Grand Encampment degree only by virtue of service in the Grand Lodge of the United States, is not entitled to claim his seat in a Grand Encampment. Section 2, article i, division 4 of the Digest, appears to the committee to leave no room for doubt on this subject. They, therefore, recommend that the same be confirmed.

That the decision of the Grand Sire, in relation to the inability of a member of a suspended lodge to retain membership in a Grand Encampment, appears to the committee entirely correct; they therefore recommend that the same be confirmed.

That if the decision of the Grand Sire, in relation to the time when the suspension of a lodge takes effect, means from the time such suspension is published or proclaimed, your committee fully concur, and recommend the same be confirmed; and the committee hereby express the opinion that, as soon as practicable, it is the duty of the Grand officers to make such proclamation.

That the decision of the Grand Sire upon the power of withdrawing a candidate after his name is submitted to the lodge meets the hearty concurrence of the committee; they, therefore, recommend the same be confirmed.

That in the decision of the Grand Sire upon admission into a Subordinate Lodge upon an encampment card, the committee fully concur; they, therefore, recommend the same be confirmed.

That the subject of funeral regalia having been already acted upon, needs no expression of opinion from the committee.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, the subject was ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to reconsider the vote of the morning session, refusing to adopt the resolution recommending the appointment of a committee to report a uniform constitution for State Grand bodies, at the next session.

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question, which was seconded.

At this stage Rep. Robinson asked and obtained leave that the absent members in session on committees be sent for.

The previous question was then put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge reconsider the vote by which it refused to adopt the report and resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to report a uniform constitution for State Grand bodies," which was agreed to.

The yeas and nays being called, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Brown, of N. H., Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Griffin, Holmes, Kneass, Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Maine, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Treadway, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—48.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Bond, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Gillespie, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Lott, McKee, Marley, Minor, Moore, Read, Sessford, Spooner, Thomas, Towers, Wakefield; P. G. Sire Perkins—24.

The question being now upon the report and resolutions of the committee, providing for the appointment of a committee to report a uniform constitution for State Grand bodies,

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved that the report and resolutions be adopted, and called the previous question on that motion, which, being seconded, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

At this stage, Representative Moore, of the District of Columbia, asked a division of the question, and the main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee," which was resolved in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Moore, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Patten, Ramsdell, Griffin, Haines, Holmes, Kneass, Lott, Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Deering, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson. Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Brown, of N. H., Burr, Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grands Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—57.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Bond, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Forman, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Parker, Read, Sessford, Spooner, Thomas, Wakefield—18.

The question was then put on the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was resolved in the affirmative: the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Frost, Gillispie, Griffin, Haines, Holmes, Kneass, Lott, Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes) Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Treadway, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires, Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—51.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Bond, Brown of Miss. (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Fritz, Gallaher, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Read, Sessford, (2 votes,) Spooner, Thomas, Towers, Wakefield; Past Grand Sire Perkins—26.

Representative Spooner, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, representatives and members of your body, most respectfully ask leave to protest against the action had this day, in ordering the appointment of a special committee to report at the next session a uniform constitution for the government of Grand Lodges and Encampments, and do hereby most solemnly protest against the action in ordering the appointment of said committee, inasmuch as it contemplates the withdrawing, annulling and revoking the powers granted by this Grand Lodge to State Grand bodies to frame, enact and adopt their own laws.

THOMAS SPOONER,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
SAM'L W. BOND,
J. G. FORMAN,
RICHARD GREEN,
W. B. CHAPMAN,
W. H. BROWN,
WM. W. KNIGHT.

Representative Towers moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee touching the establishment of the order on the Pacific coast, which was agreed to.

The report being under consideration, Representative Spooner, of Ohio, moved to strike out the word "commissioner," and insert the word "deputy," which was accepted by the committee, and the report, as thus perfected, adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire nominated Representative Alex. V. Frazer, as the deputy provided for in the resolution, which was unanimously approved.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of I. O. O. F., of Honolulu, Oahu, for examination, report:

That they have examined and corrected the same by striking out the preamble, the whole of section 3 of article iv, and a part of section 1 of article v of the constitution. They have also amended it by substituting the words "free white male" in the place of "man," in section 1 of article vi, so as to provide for "amendment," etc. after one week's notice of the same, instead of referring the matter to this Grand Lodge, except for approval; and with such amendments, recommend the approval thereof.

ROB'T MOTT,
W. MERRICK
RICH'D MARLEY,

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following amendments to the by-laws, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Amend sections 1 and 2, article i, division 2, and article i and ii of by-laws:

Resolved, That petitions for charters for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments made to the respective State Grand Lodges and Encampments, wher accompanied by certificates of the good standing of the petitioners in their respective Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, may be acted on by the said State Grand Lodges and Encampments and granted, requiring the withdrawal cards of the petitioners before the institution of such Lodge or Encampment.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, moved that the Grand Lodge now consider the report and resolutions upon the subject of classifying the G. Representatives, page 1264 of the Journal, now lying on the table.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, moved to lay the motion on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. McKee, of Delaware, moved to postpone the motion of Rep. Cole, for thirty minutes, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes.

The Lodge having re-assembled, resumed the consideration of the motion of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, to take up for consideration the report and resolution providing for the classification of Grand Representatives, page 1264 of the Journal, which was agreed to.

The report and resolution being under consideration, was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, the drawing of lots for the classification of representatives was made the special order for 3 o'clock to-day.

On motion of Rep. Conrad, of Texas, the Grand Lodge agreed to reconsider the report of the Committee on Finance, so far as related to the settlement of the accounts of the Subordinate Encampments of Louisiana and Lodges of Vermont.

The question being on the report of the Committee on Finance, Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, moved to amend the report by remitting the dues of the Subordinate Encampments of Louisiana, from 1st January, 1848.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, moved further to amend by allowing to the Grand Lodge of Vermont a return of one hundred dollars for account of dues received by that body from subordinates since the grant of its Grand charter.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, it was agreed to.

The question then being upon the amendment as amended by the motion of Rep. Page, of Wisconsin,

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Finance, with the pending amendments, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendments to the by-laws proposed by him, page 1238 of the Journal.

A division of the subject being called for, the question was upon the first resolution.

Rep. Thomas, of Connecticut, moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Abell, Askew, Baker, Boak, (2 votes,) Bond, Burr, Deering, (2 votes,) Dickson, Gallaher, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Moore, Read, Ridgely, Sessford, Tewksbury, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes,) Whitall, Winder, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—35.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Ballou, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Torre, DeSaussure, Forman, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Haines, Holmes, Marshall, Merrick, Moffett, Morton, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Roberts, Silsby, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Thorington, Woodward—35.

The lodge being equally divided, the Grand Sire declared the motion to postpone indefinitely to be carried.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to correctly instruct the respective grand bodies which they represent, in the actual work of the Order.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend article xii constitution so as to add the following:

5. The expenses of Representatives and officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the said Grand Lodge. The said Grand Lodge

shall allow to each such Representative and officer five cents per mile, for each mile actually travelled by such said Representative or officer, in going to and returning from the said sessions. The distance to be computed so that it shall not exceed the number of miles of the United States Mail routes from the residence of the said Representative to the seat of government of this body. And there shall be also further allowed to the said Representatives and officers three dollars per day during the session of the Grand Lodge—*Provided, however*, that nothing contained in this law shall be so construed as to allow to the salaried officers and Past Grand Sires any compensation whatever, in the form of travelling expenses or per diem allowance, for attending the sessions of this body.

A special tax shall be levied upon the several State Grand Lodges and Encampments, in ratio of the representation that they may be entitled to in this Grand Lodge, to be devoted exclusively to the payment of the expenses and allowances guarantied by section 5 of this article. The said levy shall be made by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for such sum as may be actually necessary to defray the contemplated expenses. The estimate of the sum necessary shall be based upon a computation of the distance from the seats of government of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments to the seat of government of this body, and for a session of the Grand Lodge of ten days.

The said estimate and levy shall be made on or before the first Monday of May annually, and during that month the Grand Secretary shall notify the several Grand Lodges and Encampments of the sum required from each in conformity with this law.

7. That the following be, and is hereby established as the compensation to be allowed to the officers of this Grand Lodge:

1. M. W. Grand Sire—five cents per mile for the distance travelled by him on the business of the Grand Lodge, and three dollars per day when in attendance on the sessions of this body.

2. R. W. D. G. Sire—Same as the Grand Sire.

3. R. W. Grand Secretary—twelve hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

4. R. W. Grand Treasurer—two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

5. R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Grand Guardian—five cents per mile distance travelled attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and three dollars per day during the session.

6. Grand Messenger—four hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

7. The salaries of the officers of this Grand Lodge shall not be increased or decreased during the term of an officer.

Sec. 8. All printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States to State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be sold them at an advance on the actual cost of such article of not exceeding ten per cent.

Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend article xii by striking out the 4th paragraph, which is in these words:

“4th. Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, \$20 per annum, for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge.”

Resolved, That article viii of the constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read—

Past Grand Sires, after the year 1852, shall continue entitled to a perpetual seat in this Grand Lodge, and to participate in its debates, but they shall not be entitled to vote.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved to amend article viii of the constitution as follows, which was ordered to lie on the table:

“Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively, on all questions arising before the Grand Lodge; provided, the Grand Sires be not Representatives.”

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, relative to the expediency of passing a law establishing the length of time that a brother must be a member of the Order before he is entitled to receive his several degrees, and to make the same uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, report:

That, upon a due consideration of the subject, the matter seems to belong more appropriately to the legislation of the several State Grand Lodges; they, therefore, report that it is inexpedient in this body to legislate thereon.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ.
G. P. SMITH.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, the lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 1266 of the Journal) relating to abolishing certain forms of prayer, which, being under consideration, was adopted.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved that the lodge consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of appeal of P. G. James D. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. (Page 1265 of the Journal.)

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the motion to consider on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the motion of Rep. Chapman to consider the report,

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved that the motion be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That as a majority of the committee to procure the likenesses of Past Grand Sires, &c. will be no longer Representatives after the termination of the present session of this Grand Lodge, that said committee be directed to make a full report of all the contracts which they have entered upon to this Grand Lodge, if practicable, during its session, and if not practicable, then to the elective Grand officers, who shall be and are hereby clothed with full power to fulfil the said contracts; and that the existing special committee on the subject be discharged after they shall have reported their contracts as above specified.

Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Whereas a previous service in the V. G. Chair is not a necessary qualification for that of N. G.; and whereas section 18, article iii, division 3d of the Digest of the Laws of the Order, making said service a condition precedent that must be performed, before a member can be elevated to the station of N. G., although his intellectual attainments and strength of character and position may eminently qualify him for the distinction, is arbitrary, inexpedient and unnecessary; and whereas further, while a change in the law upon the subject would confer no undue advantage upon one class of the brotherhood over another, but would oper-

ate advantageously upon the interests of the Order, in establishing merit and ability, and not a discharge of minor duties as the test of distinction; therefore,

Resolved, That section 18, article iii, division 3d, of the Digest, be and hereby is repealed.

Resolved, That twenty-six nights service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the office of N. G.; provided the brother has attained to sufficient degrees and is otherwise competent.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day for his colleague.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the following claims against the Grand Lodge, and find them correct:

For traveling expenses, &c. &c., of the members appointed as a Commission relative to New York difficulties,	-	-	\$295 00
J. N. Neagle, for Portraits of P. G. S. Perkins and Hopkins,	201	00	
E. S. Fryer, for Portrait Frames,	-	-	14 00
P. G. S. J. A. Kennedy, attending Committee P. G. S.	50	00	
S. L. Harris, as Grand Guardian,	-	-	20 00
J. E. Chamberlain, for services of Assistant Messenger, as ordered by the Grand Lodge,	-	-	10 00
J. E. Chamberlain, sundries furnished the session,	-		26 37
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S. York AtLee, for attendance on Grand Lodge U. States			
Chairman of Portrait Committee,	-	-	20 00
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			\$636 37

Which amount the Committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer.

They also recommend the following resolutions:

JNO. W. ANDERSON
W. A. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Resolved, That the proper officer be authorized to draw an order in favor of P. G. Sire Sherlock, in any sum not exceeding one hundred and ten dollars, so soon as the Grand Secretary shall have been notified by P. G. Sire Sherlock that his Portrait has been shipped to this place.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary Jas. L. Ridgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and the same are hereby authorized either to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds, if any, or take up the bonds issued for Copy Right of Journal.

Rep. Sessford, of District Columbia, moved to strike out the appropriations of \$20 for expenses of the chairman of the Committee on Portraits, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions of the Committee on Finance, they were severally adopted.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge granting relief to a visiting brother shall be entitled to claim the amount, as granted, from his Subordinate Lodge, to the extent of the benefits to which he is entitled; and that any amount granted beyond this shall be considered a charity, leaving Subordinate Lodges in such cases to do whatever may seem to them honorable and right.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to define explicitly the term "good standing," also the term "contributing membership" and the term "beneficial," as applied to membership in Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge finally adjourns, it be to meet at its next annual session in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, called the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the following form, "shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of the representative of Illinois?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

YEAS.—Reps. Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Conrad, Forman, Fritz, Gillespie, Green, Haines, Holmes (2 votes,) Marshall, Merrick, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Roberts, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Thorington, Treadway, (2 votes,) Winder, Woodward; P. G. Sire Glazier—30.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, (2 votes,) Bond, Brown of N. H., (2 votes,) Burr, Cole, Deering, (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Frost, Gallaher, Griffin, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Morton, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thomas, Towers, Wakefield, Whitall, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—45.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to enquire and report upon the propriety of so changing the rules as to cause the Grand Sire and Grand officers to be installed on the first day of the session after election, instead of the second.

Rep. Allen, of Penn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to define the mode or manner of conferring the Grand Encampment Degree, and admission of members.

The hour having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the special order, being the drawing of lots for the classification of Representatives.

The ballots having been deposited in a box, in the manner prescribed, were drawn by the Grand Marshal as the names of the Grand

Representatives were called by the Grand Secretary, when the following named Representatives drew the numbers attached to their names, respectively to wit.

Grand Lodges.

Maryland, - -	1	{	Ridgely,
	2	{	Marley.
Massachusetts, - -	2	{	Parmenter,
	1	{	Wells.
Virginia, - -	1	{	Robinson,
	2	{	Boak.
New Hampshire, -	2	{	Parker,
	1	{	Brown.
North Carolina, -	1	{	McKee,
	2	{	Burr.
New Jersey, - -	1	{	Read,
	2	{	Wakefield.
Kentucky, - -	1	{	Marshall,
	2	{	Merrick.
Indiana, - -	2	{	Chapman,
	1	{	Dean.
Louisiana, - -	1	{	Kneass,
	2	{	Mott.
Georgia, - .	2	{	Anderson,
	1	{	Griffin.
Michigan, - -	1	{	Ramsdell,
	2	{	Treadway.
South Carolina, -	1	{	DeSaussure,
	2	{	Taylor.
Ohio, - - -	2	{	Green,
	1	{	Spooner.
Maine, - -	2	{	Smith,
	1	{	Deering.
Mississippi, - -	2	{	Brown,
	1	{	Dicks.
District of Columbia,	2	{	Sessford,
	1	{	Moore.
Connecticut, - -	2	{	Minor,
	1	{	Thomas.
Pennsylvania, -	2	{	Fritz,
	1	{	Baker.
Delaware, - -	2	{	Dickson,
	1	{	Harris.
Missouri, -	1	{	Holmes,
	2	{	Moffett.
Rhode Island, - -	1	{	Simons,
	2	{	Knight.
Alabama, - -	2	{	Silsby,
	1	{	Alabama.

Wisconsin,	-	-	1	{	Page,
			2	}	Lott.
Illinois,	-	-	2	{	Roberts,
			1	}	Taylor.
Tennessee,		-	2	{	Smith,
			1	}	Rosborough
Vermont,	-	-	2		Ballou.
Texas,	-	-	1		Conrad.
Iowa,	-	-	2		Thorington.

Grand Encampments.

Pennsylvania,	-	-	2	{	Allen,
			1	}	Haines.
Massachusetts		-	2	{	Cole,
			1	}	Frost.
Ohio,	-	-	1	{	Chapman,
			2	}	Brough.
Maryland,	-	-	1	{	Tewksbury,
			2	}	Zimmerman.
Maine,	-	-	2		Theobald.
Missouri,	-	-	1		Woodward.
Georgia,	-	-	2		Patten.
District of Columbia,	-		1		Towers.
Kentucky,	-	-	2		Gillespie.
Virginia,	-	-	1		Gallaher.
Connecticut,	-	-	2		Abell.
New Hampshire,	-	-	1		Forman.
Indiana,	-	-	2		Indiana.
Tennessee,	-	-	1		Morton.
Mississippi,	-	-	1		Hastings.
North Carolina,	-		2		Disosway
New Jersey,	-	-	1		Bond.
South Carolina,	-		2		Torre.
Michigan,	-	-	2		Winder.
Louisiana,	-	-	1		Whitall.
Delaware,	-	-	1		Askew.
Alabama,	-	-	2		Alabama.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that the term of Representatives who had drawn the number one, expired with the present session, and that the Representatives who had drawn the number two, were members of the September session, 1849.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 22, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand officers and a due representation.

Rep Sessford, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, report the certificate of the following Representative as correct :

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.—P. G. M. E. M. P. Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
N. R. RAMSDELL,
JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.

Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select Committee to whom was referred the communication from P. G. Masters Ropes, Marley, and Thompson, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the subject of the pecuniary distress of P. G. Sire Wildey, submit the following report:

The committee have sought light upon the subject entrusted to them from the best sources, and have received every assistance which they needed in the course of their investigations. They are advised that the venerable P. G. Sire is so involved in his affairs that he is reduced to a situation of the deepest distress. The testimony adduced to the committee showed that the amount of the P. G. Sire's debts equals the sum of eight thousand dollars, much the larger portion of which is in the shape of judgments, and mortgages in course of foreclosure. According to the evidence, the property now in possession of the P. G. Sire would not suffice, if a sale were forced under legal process, to discharge his debts. Should the Order therefore neglect to interpose he will be deprived of the little which he has acquired after a life of labor, and will besides be left to stagger under a balance of debt without hope of extrication. It is only proper to add that P. G. Sire Wildey's embarrassments have resulted from no imprudent or improper act of his own.

The committee feel deeply on this subject, and they believe that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot fail to be equally interested. To attempt to declare the services which Thomas Wildey has rendered to Odd-Fellowship, or to enumerate the claims which he has upon the affections of the fraternity, would be a work of supererogation. His name is inseparably blended with our past history, and so long as our organization shall continue the memory of his labors must survive. The committee would hold themselves obnoxious to universal censure if they hesitated for a moment to recommend that the Order should use every effort for the relief of its founder. For the committee to doubt, or for the Grand Lodge to hesitate, would be to neglect every principle of justice and to forget every obligation of gratitude.

The committee have carefully considered various suggestions as to the course which should be pursued, and after mature deliberation

they have concluded to advise as follows: They recommend to this Grand Lodge to appropriate out of its uninvested funds, if possible, a sufficient amount to pay off the incumbrances on Past Grand Sire Wildey's property. If the uninvested funds be not sufficient for the purpose indicated, the committee further recommend that the deficit be supplied from the invested funds. The committee desire to be understood as recommending, not an absolute gift of this amount, but only a temporary dedication thereof. They advise the Grand Lodge to accept formal assignments of the judgments, mortgages and other claims, and to hold the same as a kind of collateral security for its re-imbursement. That this Grand Lodge should bear the whole brunt of this project of relief, the committee do not believe. They think that it is a work which should not be narrowed within metes and bounds, but that the entire brotherhood should be allowed the privilege of participating. They therefore recommend that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to address a circular letter to the several Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs throughout this jurisdiction, requesting them to communicate the distress of the founder of the Order to their respective Subordinates, and to call on them for such voluntary contributions as they may think fit to bestow. These contributions should be transmitted to the several Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, by their respective Subordinates, and from those officers should be transmitted to the Grand Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge. The fund so to be raised may fitly be designated the "Wildey Fund," and must be applied as it accrues to the extinction of the claims of this Grand Lodge on P. G. Sire Wildey's property. The committee believe that the numerous Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in the country will gladly respond to the proposed appeal, and that the property will be speedily disencumbered.

At this point of the report the subject assumes a new phase. The intention of the Maryland communication was to request, not only relief for the present embarrassments of the Past Grand Sire, but also that provision be made for the comfort of his remaining days. The support of Past Grand Sire Wildey has heretofore been derived principally from the pursuit of his business. The little property, which he now only nominally owns, would be insufficient for his maintenance, even if the incumbrances should be removed. The business in which he is engaged has ceased to be profitable, and there are many reasons for encouraging his discontinuing it. At his years he cannot be expected to turn back the current of his life and to engage in a new occupation. The energy of his mind and the vigor of his body are still unimpaired, but he has reached a patriarchal age, and it is full time for him to retire from the labor of the field to the shelter of the tent. We acknowledge him for our father in Odd-Fellowship, and as his children it becomes us to provide for the comfort of his grey hairs.

The committee feel confident that an arrangement can be made which will secure a competent and respectable support to Past Grand

Sire Wildey, and they suggest the following plan: In the circular letter hereinbefore provided for, let the Corresponding Secretary include a request that the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs call upon their subordinates to bestow upon the Past Grand Sire a small annuity. The committee propose that this annuity be called the "Wildey Annuity," and be collected and transmitted in the same manner as the "Wildey Fund."

It is hardly necessary for the committee to descend to particulars, but it will be obvious to the Grand Lodge that a very small appropriation on the part of each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, will afford to Past Grand Sire Wildey an annuity which will give ease and comfort to the remnant of his life. The committee are certain that every subordinate will cheerfully accede to the proposition.

The committee submit the foregoing to the Grand Lodge, and request the adoption of the resolutions which are appended.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. ROBINSON,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
PETER DELLA TORRE.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw out of the treasury whatever unappropriated balance may remain therein after the close of this Communication, and apply the same to the purchase of the incumbrances on the property of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.

2. *Resolved*, That the said officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to dispose of such amount of the bonds and invested funds held by this Grand Lodge as may be sufficient to complete the purchase aforesaid.

3. *Resolved*, That the said officers, in making the purchase above directed, be and they are hereby required to take legal assignments of all the claims so purchased.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby instructed, to address a circular letter to each Grand Master and Grand Patriarch under this jurisdiction, requesting them to refer the subject of the foregoing report to their respective subordinates.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby further directed, to receive from the several Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, whatever contributions may be made to the "Wildey Fund," until the amount contributed shall equal the sum advanced by this Grand Lodge; and shall carry the contributions so received to the credit of said fund in the books of this Grand Lodge, making a full report thereof at the next Communication.

6. *Resolved*, That should the contributions exceed the necessary amount, the Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to notify the several State authorities thereof, so that the contributions may cease.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to receive the "Wildey Annuity," and to pay the same over to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, in such sums and at such times as the said Past Grand Sire may determine.

8. *Resolved*, That the property, the redemption of which is hereinbefore provided for, shall remain under the management of P. G. Sire Wildey, notwithstanding the claim of this Grand Lodge thereon.

9. *Resolved finally*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary comply with the directions of the fourth resolution so soon after the close of this Communication as may be practicable.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, the report and

resolutions were adopted; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, McKee, Marshall, Marley, Minor, Moffet, Moore, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thorington, Thomas, Towers. Treadway, (2 votes,) Wakefield, Whittall, Woodward, Zimmerman, Wells, (2 votes;) P. G. Sires Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—68.

NAYS.—Reps. Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Merrick, Sessford, Spooner—8.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the usage in balloting upon application for membership, and also the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island upon the same subject, report:

That they fully concur with the decision of the Grand Sire so far as relates to the impropriety of balloting anew for an applicant who has been rejected, and with a ballot differing from, and requiring a larger number to reject, than the first ballot, and they recommend that so much be confirmed. But the committee, after much deliberation, feel constrained to differ from his decision declaring that two black balls are sufficient to reject. The committee upon enquiry find that the number of votes required to reject an applicant differs in many of the state jurisdictions; thus, in Pennsylvania, two black balls will reject, while in some of the Southern States, as South Carolina and Georgia, three are required; and that while the Grand Lodge of the United States has described the class of persons who may be admitted to membership in the Order, it has been left to State legislation to decide in what manner they shall be elected.

The committee further report that the gist of the matter contained in the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to wit, the powers of the Grand Sire as regards State jurisdictions, is now in the hands of the committee charged with the New York case. Any expression of opinion by this committee at the present time would be, therefore, inexpedient. They therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Marshall asked a division of the question presented by the report, and the question being on the first branch of the Report, to

wit, so much thereof as affirms the decision of the Grand Sire, touching the impropriety of balloting anew for an applicant, who has been rejected,

Rep. Wells, of Massachusetts, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report a uniform law on the subject of balloting for membership in a lodge.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, rose to speak to the motion; the chair declared that the motion had not previously been considered debateable, for a motion "to recommit with instructions" had been regarded as a motion "to refer," which must, under the rule, be taken without debate. Pending another motion, the motion "to recommit with instructions" could not be entertained unless it were so regarded; still he would submit the question of order to the lodge.

Some conference having taken place upon the subject of the motion "to recommit" and the motion "to refer," Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved as the sense of the Grand Lodge that a motion "to recommit" with instructions and a motion to "refer" are synonymous, which was not agreed to.

The chair then ruled the motion to recommit to be out of order.

On motion of Rep. Cole, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

By unanimous consent,

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS application has been made to the Grand Sire, by a legal number of applicants, to open an Encampment in Georgetown, Sussex County, Delaware, to be called Sussex Encampment, and the applicants have transmitted the fee for charter to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States; the warrant was issued, but for various causes the Encampment has not yet been opened; and whereas, since such application to the Grand Sire, a Grand Encampment has been regularly opened, and is now working in the State of Delaware; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States hand over to the Grand Encampment of Delaware the amount of the fee so paid, and direct the Grand Encampment of Delaware to open such Encampment in Georgetown, Delaware, as soon as the proper arrangement is made for the session of such Encampment.

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was re-referred the Petitions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, praying that a portion of the dues paid into this Grand Lodge be refunded, report:

That they are unable to arrive at any conclusion in regard to the same, and beg leave to refer the same back to this R. W. Grand Body, for their disposal.

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Vermont have paid as dues to the funds of this Grand Lodge the sum of \$243.93 for the term ending December 30th, 1847, and whereas about half of this term transpired after the Grand Lodge of Vermont should have been instituted; therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 of the said dues be refunded by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, moved further to amend by remitting the dues from the Subordinate Encampments of Louisiana, from Jan. 1, 1848, to the end of the term, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Finance, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the subject embraced in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the whole matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York be referred to a special committee, to be appointed by this Grand Lodge—

Beg leave to report:

They have sought to discharge their important duty by thorough investigation and careful deliberation. With the knowledge that the subject committed to them involved the consideration of the causes of discord in the largest State jurisdiction of the Order, they have patiently and with the deepest anxiety inquired into the facts of the controversy, and have, with aid of testimony and argument from the parties, endeavored to arrive at a just result.

The printed testimony is herewith presented in obedience to instructions.* It will be found, much of it at least, to be of little value, as having direct bearing upon the points of inquiry. The committee did not feel at liberty, in view of the prominence which this case has assumed, to enforce strict legal rules upon its admission. They were anxious, although it might be at the cost of some time and labor, that the parties should stand before the Grand Lodge, for the most part, according to their own wishes.

The committee find that at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Committee of Appeals had under consideration certain matters pertaining to the jurisdiction of New York, and among them the action of that body in reference to alterations in its Constitution. In pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee of Appeals, this Grand Lodge determined, in effect, that the form of Constitution prepared by a Convention appointed under direction of the Grand Lodge of New York, except such parts as were stricken out upon report of the Committee on Constitutions, be referred to the Grand Lodge of New York, with a command that the said form of Constitution be acted upon by that body, at its session in November, 1847, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly before it in pursuance of article vi,

* See Appendix.

section 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of N. York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, and which was declared by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. to be the fundamental law. This Grand Lodge further ordered that the report of the Committee of Appeals, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of New York. (V. II Proceedings G. L. U. S. pp. 1111, 1125, 1127.)

In pursuance of this order, the different particulars of the action of this Grand Lodge were collated by the Corresponding Secretary, after an opportunity of reviewing the same had been afforded to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. They were at once transmitted in a printed form, and were received as a "mandate" by the Grand Lodge of New York. A copy of this document, marked A, accompanies this report.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of New York, commencing on the 3d day of Nov. 1847, as appears by the printed proceedings (doc. I, p. 248) the following resolution was offered by Grand Rep. Dwinelle:

"Resolved, That the form of Constitution reported by the Convention held in November, 1846, which was referred to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, except such parts thereof as were then stricken out by said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and hereby is amended and adopted, and declared to be the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and as amended and adopted it shall read as follows."

The testimony offered to the committee conflicts upon the point whether this resolution was offered in manuscript, and separate from any other document, or in a printed shape with the form of constitution named in the resolution appended. Although much testimony was introduced in reference to this particular, the committee are not prepared to consider the point of primary importance, and have therefore, without an effort to reconcile the evidence, believed that a just conclusion would not be thwarted, by assuming that the resolution and form of constitution were offered in combination, and constituted a single substantive proposition. It may be asserted for the purposes of the inquiry, that the resolution with "a form of constitution" was contained in one document, and were together submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to take a recess for a short time, during which copies of the printed document were distributed among the members; and after the re-assembling of the Grand Lodge, early in the afternoon, a further recess until the next day was ordered, by a resolution which also provided that the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle should be a special assignment in the course of business. Upon the succeeding day the resolution and its appendix were read, and their adoption moved; an amendment was offered by a member of the Grand Lodge; the previous question was called for by the mover of the original resolution. The chair decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution, as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Upon appeal, the decision of the chair was reversed, and a vote was taken, the result

of which is recorded in the printed proceedings as having been declared in terms, "that the resolution and the convention constitution *as amended*" were adopted; and in the manuscript minutes of the Grand Secretary, that the resolution and the *amendments* to the convention constitution were adopted. A reconsideration was also moved by the original mover of the resolution, which was determined in the negative. Each member of the minority voted under a protest, which was afterwards spread upon the journal, and the manuscript of which is herewith presented, marked D.

By the testimony of P. G. Barnard, it appears that the action of the majority was in pursuance of a pre-arrangement, which it was thought the emergency rendered necessary.

This is an outline of the proceedings out of which have grown the lamentable difficulties in the Order in New York. The details of subsequent measures, which have sundered the Grand Lodge of that State, are not in evidence before the committee, nor is it necessary that they should be, for the correct determination of this matter.

The committee are of the opinion that, upon the single inquiry, did the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, obey the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States? depends the entire series of the matters which are brought to the notice of this Grand Lodge, in reference to the controversy in New York. If the convention constitution, with the alterations required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, has been adopted, then the body acting under that constitution is *de jure* the Grand Lodge of New York. If the constitution has not been acted upon, but another and different constitution has been adopted by a portion of the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of New York, under which they act, then such body cannot be recognized as the Grand Lodge of New York by this Grand Lodge.

There can be no question that the constitution submitted with the resolution, and acted upon at the November session of the Grand Lodge of New York, is not identical with the convention constitution as revised by the Grand Lodge of the United States. It contains important variations from that instrument. It is changed in its essential character to an extent certainly sufficient to prevent, even under a liberal construction, its recognition as the original form. By a comparison it is found that many alterations have been introduced, some of which are of vital consequence, into the instrument acted upon, which are not to be discovered in the convention form. That alterations existed was not disputed, and it was only urged that they were properly adopted as amendments by the single vote to amend and adopt, which was had. A comparison of these instruments, herewith presented, document B and document C, in connection with the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (document A) will disclose the non-identity. The important features appearing in the constitution adopted, those of allowing the Grand committees the power to assemble in the P. N. G. degree, the expulsion of a member from the Grand Lodge by a Grand com-

mittee, the provision for the summary removal of the Grand Master, with the many other alterations, constitute it, in the opinion of the committee, an instrument essentially different from that to which the mandate of the Grand Lodge has reference.

The committee cannot interpret the order of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of New York, to act upon a certain form of constitution, "*to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same*" in the manner provided by the law then existing in that body, with such wide latitude as to recognise these instruments as essentially the same. They understand the order of the Grand Lodge to have been based in some measure upon the fact that the emergency of the Order in the state of New York required distinct instructions from this body in regard to the procedure in the adoption of a constitution. That in the wide difference of opinion which prevailed in that state as to the legality in the mode of adopting a constitution, the Grand Lodge of the United States was required to interfere, and, "to cover irregularities," order that a precise form of constitution should be acted upon, under the well understood provisions of the old constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York. The order of the Grand Lodge of the United States was the true ground of compromise, and if strictly carried out was calculated to restore harmony to the Order in N. Y. It was an act of the Grand Lodge of the United States, within the scope of its large conservative power and discretion, to effect that which the parties interested could not accomplish, in consequence of difficulties arising from conflict of opinion, as well as imperfection of existing laws. It was the duty of the Grand Lodge to comply in strict terms with the instructions of the supreme body, and to carry them into execution in the same spirit of compromise in which they were conceived.

The committee do not think that this has been done. The form of constitution which this Grand Lodge directed to be presented to the Grand Lodge of New York for action, was not presented, but another and a different instrument was presented. It cannot be urged that in the archives of that Grand Lodge, or in the Grand Lodge room, the Convention Constitution was present, as well as the other documents qualifying it, and were therefore to be deemed to be before the Grand Lodge for action, and as the original proposition to which the instrument offered was an amendment. It is certain, upon all the evidence offered, that this constitution and documents were not specifically called up for action, and were not in the terms of the mandate of the Grand Lodge, taken up and acted upon any more than any other documents upon the files of the Grand Lodge of New York. The paper offered was by no action, formal or informal, connected with the Convention Constitution and accompanying documents. The members present were no more bound judicially to take notice of these papers, as before them for action, than of any other documents or records having a bearing upon the subject of a constitution or upon any other subject, not called up. The only subject upon which the Grand Lodge of New York was called to act was the distinct,

original proposition of P. G. Rep. Dwinelle, beginning with the word "resolved," and continuing to whatever extent the evidence appears to designate. Whether the document was the resolution simply or the resolution and its appendix, the mandate of the Grand Lodge was not complied with.

It is of consequence in the view of the committee, that the minority at the time of action upon the resolution and its appendix, in the Grand Lodge of New York, entered their solemn protest against the course of the majority. Under an unfair interpretation of the words "amend and adopt," as contained in the mandate of the G. Lodge of the United States, an instrument, by a combination of motions in one, which in all deliberative bodies are separately acted upon, was adopted and amended by a single vote. Although the committee are not disposed to insist that irregularities in the manner of voting should invalidate the result, if the mandate of this Grand Lodge were substantially complied with, yet the violation of the rules of order of the Grand Lodge of New York, by the majority acting upon the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle, and the unfair preparation before the meeting of the G. Lodge for obstructing the privilege of the minority, should not be overlooked or readily excused. It is important to know that the minority did not in any sense acquiesce in the irregular action, but protested upon the instant against the disobedience to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, and against the abuse of their rights as members of the Grand Lodge of New York.

By the evidence produced before the committee, it appeared that on the third day of April last, Thaddeus Davids, the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, refused to open the Grand Encampment, assigning as a reason for such refusal that there were persons in the Grand Encampment room, refusing to leave, who were members of suspended lodges; that soon thereafter, the proper time having arrived for opening the Grand Encampment, some person present called upon Issachar Reed, then H. P. of said Encampment, to open the same, which he proceeded to do, the Grand Patriarch still remaining in the room and in his seat, forbidding the opening of the encampment. Upon the encampment being so opened, the H. P. called upon the Grand Scribe, John J. Davies, to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting. This he refused to do, in consequence of being forbidden by the Grand Patriarch. Dwinelle then offered a resolution to remove Davids and Davies from office, which was carried. (See document 12, page 256.) On motion of Barnard, they then balloted for and elected John L. Van Boskerck, Grand Scribe. (See same document and page.) On the 31st July, 1848, Joseph R. Taylor was elected Grand Patriarch, and T. M. Clark, Grand High Priest, and on the 14th of August, Taylor was installed, by his predecessor, Grand Patriarch Thaddeus Davids, and the charter of the Grand Encampment then delivered to him; after which, Grand Patriarch J. R. Taylor installed the other officers elect; all of which will more fully appear by the printed evidence and documents thereto attached, herewith

submitted. In view of these facts, your committee are of opinion that the action of the Grand Encampment, on the third of April, in removing, or attempting to remove, Grand Patriarch Davids and Grand Scribe Davies from office, is unauthorized by the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, or the general laws or principles of the Order.

These are the conclusions of your committee, upon a deliberate examination of the facts presented. If it shall seem to this Grand Lodge that they are correct deductions from the evidence, and they shall be approved by vote, it is sincerely to be desired that the members of the Order, in the jurisdiction of New York, may join in restoring the harmony and efficiency of the Order in their midst.

The accompanying resolutions are respectfully submitted:

W. E. PARMENTER,
N. R. RAMSDELL,
W. D. BAKER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That John J. Davies and James W. Hale are the legal Representatives from the Grand Lodge of New York, and Joseph D. Stewart and W. W. Dibblee are the legal Representatives from the Grand Encampment of New York, and that they be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Bodies by whom the foregoing Representatives are elected or appointed, are hereby recognized as having a legal existence under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

DOCUMENTS PRODUCED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTERS INVOLVED IN THE NEW YORK CASE.

- A. Mandate from Grand Lodge of United States to Grand Lodge of New York.
- B. Resolution and Constitution, submitted to Grand Lodge of New York at November session, 1847, by Dwinelle.
- C. Convention Constitution, engrossed copy.
- D. Protest offered in Grand Lodge of New York, Nov. session, 1847, against action upon Constitution.
- E. Proceedings of Grand Lodge of New York, Nov. session, 1847, as first published by Grand Secretary.
- F. Exception of Bro. Dwinelle to the ruling of Committee.
- G. Notice to Committee, from Hale and Davies, declining to cross-examine John G. Treadwell.
- H. Question raised by counsel for Hale and Davies, in relation to the recognizing, by the committee of a body claiming to be a Grand Lodge, but acting without a charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States.
- I. Proceedings of Grand Lodge of New York, as claimed by counsel for Hale and Davies to be correctly published.
- K. Resolution and Constitution submitted to Grand Lodge of New York by Dwinelle, furnished the Committee by Theo. A. Ward.
- L. Copy of Convention Constitution before Committee on Appeals of last session Grand Lodge of United States, and being also the same copy reported upon by the Committee on Constitutions of the same session.
- M. Original resolution prepared by Barnard for printer of document offered by Dwinelle in Grand Lodge of New York.
- N. Letter from John G. Treadwell to Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of United States, forwarding the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of United States, Nov. session, 1847, and the proceedings of the same session of that body.
- O. Pamphlet accompanying same.
- P. Old Constitution of Grand Lodge of New York.
- Q. Convention Constitution identified by John A. Kennedy.

R. Manuscript sheets of proceedings of Grand Lodge of New York, Nov. session. 1847.

X. Protest of Dwinelle against action of Committee.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was ordered that the report now lie on the table, and be made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS John G. Potts,* Past Grand Master and Past Chief Patriarch, and D. D. Grand Sire, whose labors are well known to all who are acquainted with Odd-Fellowship in the far West as being of the most arduous kind, traveling over a great extent of the country and frequently to the sacrifice of his pecuniary interest, for the purpose of establishing and advancing the interest of our Order in that far region of country.—And whereas

The said John G. Potts, is justly entitled to the Grand Encampment degree for service in office, and as there is no Grand Encampment in the State of Illinois of which he is a citizen, and as a mark of esteem and respect for his services and his attachment to the Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Sire of the State of Iowa be and he is hereby authorized to confer the Grand Encampment Degree upon said John G. Potts at his earliest convenience in some private apartment that he may select.

Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on this subject, made the following report, which, being a proposed amendment of the by-laws, was laid on the table under the rule.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's annual report as relates to the printing of the journal, &c., respectfully recommend the adoption of the following by-laws:
(To be inserted in the proper place.)

“That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati, to invite proposals for the printing of the journal of this body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the first volume, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received, shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until 12 o'clock, noon, of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of

* D. D. G. S. John G. Potts was a member of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania before the introduction of the G. E. degree, and thus was entitled to the degree.

the committee on printing, to be by them opened, examined and decided upon."

"That a standing committee be appointed at the commencement of every session, in the same manner as other standing committees, whose duty it shall be to open and decide upon such proposals as may have been made to do any of the printing of this body, and report their decision, and the terms of their contract, to the Grand Lodge for its approval and confirmation."

WILLIAM M. ALLEN,
H. F. ASKEW,
WM. W. MOORE.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Minor, of Connecticut, and Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 23, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment; present Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by the Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following D. D. G. Sires, for the year 1849:

For Vermont,	Eli Ballou, of Montpelier,	Vermont.
" Florida,	Wiley Williams, of Columbus,	Georgia.
" Rhode Island,	Henry L. Webster, of Providence,	R. Island.
" Wisconsin,	W. D. Wilson, of Milwaukie,	Wisconsin.
" Iowa,	James Thorington, of Davenport,	Iowa.
" S. Illinois,	Charles H. Constable, Mount Carmel,	Ill.
" N. Illinois,	S. W. Woodward, Galena,	Illinois.
" Arkansas,	James B. Kendall, of Fort Smith,	Arkan.
" Texas,	Oscar Farish, of Galveston,	Texas.
" Pacific Coast,	Alexander V. Fraser.	

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to a violation of the laws with regard to printing odes, report:

That the exclusive right of this body to print odes has been so often recognized as to need no reiteration on the part of the committee—and State Grand and Subordinate Lodges are forbidden to interfere therewith. In order that the abuse complained of in the

report may be corrected, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to issue, as soon as practicable, a circular to be sent to the several Grand bodies within whose jurisdictions such abuse exists, requesting that the same may be corrected. And that in case of a failure to comply therewith, he be instructed to report, at the next session, in what jurisdictions such violations of the law continue.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendment of the 25th by-law, submitted by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, be deferred until the next session of this Grand Lodge

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New Jersey, report:

That they have examined and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
W. MERRICK,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication presented by Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, together with other papers on the same subject, presented by Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, report:

That upon examination of the papers submitted, they find the following to be the case. The Grand Master of Michigan presented a charge against Oriental Lodge No. 19, of the District of Columbia, that in violation of article 30 of the by-laws, said Oriental Lodge had initiated into the Order Calvin C. Jackson, a citizen and resident of Michigan, who had temporarily removed to Washington, in the District of Columbia. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia referred the charge to a committee of supervision, who obtained a report from said Oriental Lodge, in which it is stated that the said Calvin C. Jackson, in his application, styled himself a resident of Washington, and that so considering him, he was initiated by the Oriental Lodge. From the testimony before the committee, they are unable to decide whether or not Jackson had made such a change of residence as was necessary before he could be initiated in Oriental

Lodge. The Grand Master of Michigan expressly denies the intention of Jackson to make any other than a temporary stay in Washington, while the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia would seem to imply the power in their subordinates to initiate any persons who may assume a temporary residence in the District of Columbia. In the opinion of the committee, the position assumed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is expressly denied by the report adopted and found on page 1079 volume ii of Journal. The committee, therefore, recommend that in case the Grand Master of Michigan can make it evident to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia that the residence of said Jackson was merely temporary, it shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge of said District to punish Oriental Lodge for a violation of known law.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed to examine Sutherland's Parliamentary Rules and Practice, and report such regulations of order therefrom as may be useful for the better conduct of business in the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report:

The committee consider the subject of great importance, and they have been unable to devote sufficient time for the proper performance of the duty. They therefore respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge that time be granted them until the next communication. The interval between the present meeting and the next will afford abundant time for the proper compilation of a manual which may permanently serve the purpose of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOPKINS,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WM. W. MOORE,

Resolved, That the Committee on Parliamentary Rules be allowed until the next Communication to present their report, provided that this Grand Lodge incur no expense for the attendance of the members of said committee.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, (as appears on page 1190 of the journal) be deferred until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, moved that the Lodge now proceed to consider the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, laid on the table on the motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, (page 1290,) which being considered, was adopted.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of Bro. Oscar Far-

rish, as D. D. G. Sire for the State of Texas, for the residue of the term of D. D. G. S. Sundbury, whose resignation had been made and accepted.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. S. Kneass, of Louisiana, enquiring whether a junior Past Grand can be elected by a Subordinate Lodge as a representative to the State Grand Lodge, report:

That by virtue of service in the N. G.'s chair, an officer becomes entitled to the rank of Past Grand, and right to a seat in the Grand Lodge; he can therefore be elected representative.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiry presented by Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, whether a Grand Encampment can adopt a uniform system of constitutions for their subordinates, and whether the subordinates will be bound to conform to such constitutions, report:

That the State Grand Bodies being expressly declared the legislative heads of the Order in their several jurisdictions, have unquestionably the power to do so, and the subordinates will be bound to conform to such constitutions.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Read, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a certificate, signed by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, be presented to P. C. P. Alex. V. Fraser, who has been appointed special representative to the Pacific; also, copies of the journals of this Grand body.

On motion of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, it was ordered that the Report of the committee on "the unwritten work," be copied on parchment, and inserted in the Secret Journal, and that the original report be preserved.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiries presented by Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, report:

That in reply to the first enquiry, whether a subordinate, on conviction of an officer for official misconduct, can inflict a punishment which shall, by suspension or expulsion, deprive him of his rights in Odd-Fellowship, the committee are of opinion the character of the official misconduct must decide; if it is of a nature unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, charges may be regularly preferred, and suspension or expulsion take place as the lodge decides.

That in reply to the second enquiry, what extent of penalty can be adjudged upon an officer who shall be found guilty of official misconduct, his character as a man and Odd-Fellow not being impugned, the committee are of opinion depends upon the constitution and by-laws of the Subordinate Lodge, or the penalty affixed by the legislation of the State Grand Lodge for such official misconduct.

That in reply to the third and fourth enquiries, as to the power of officers of subordinates to use the seal, the committee are of opinion such officers are merely the executive agents of those bodies, and should have no power to use the seal unless so ordered by the subordinates, or in accordance with positive enactments of the several Grand bodies under whose jurisdictions they work.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiry presented by Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, relative to the right of subordinates to refuse to receive the dues of a brother who shall be indebted to the lodge in an amount sufficient to deprive him of the benefits, but shall be in other respects in good standing in the lodge, report:

That the dues to a lodge accrue weekly, and only for the convenience of the lodge are paid at stated periods; it is therefore at any time the right of a brother to pay his dues; but the committee are also of opinion, that in case a brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of his own subordinate from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted while he continues sick to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits, since an injury would be thereby inflicted on such members of the lodge as are regular in payment of their dues; the brother by his own act has committed wrong, and it would be improper to permit him to derive benefit from his own negligence.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That when the Encampments of the State of Wisconsin shall have complied with the by-laws regulating the subject of petitions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to the satisfaction of the executive officers of this body, a charter be granted for a Grand Encampment in the State of Wisconsin, to be located at such place, within the limits of that State, as may be designated by the petitioners.

On motion of Rep. Read, of N. Jersey, that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into secret session, it was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when, on motion, the Grand Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes. On resuming business—

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day, for Rep. McKee, of North Carolina.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the suggestion in the Grand Secretary's report, touching the printing of the Grand Lodge, and the proposed by-law accompanying the same—which was agreed to.

The proposed by-law being under consideration, Rep. Gillespie moved to strike out the words, "Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati, New York," from the same.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary be directed to furnish five copies of the daily journal which have not already been furnished to each representative.

The Chair named the following committee:

The committee to prepare a uniform constitution for Grand Lodges, and a uniform constitution for Grand Encampments—P. G. S. Hopkins, Rep. Ridgely, P. G. S. Glazier.

The hour appointed having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the day, to wit, the report of the committee on the matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York, which being under consideration,

On motion of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, to concur in the report and adopt the resolutions accompanying the same,

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved to lay the motion of Rep. Cole on the table.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abell, Anderson, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Conrad, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Forman, Gallaher, Green, Griffin, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Merrick, (2 votes,) Moffet, (2 votes,) Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes,) Treadway, Wakefield; P. G. S. Kennedy—49.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Baker, (2 votes,) Cole, Deering, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Kneass, Marley, Morton, Ramsdell, Sessford, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Tewksbury, Towers, Wells, (2 votes,) Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Hopkins—27.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was ordered that no member shall be permitted, when the report of the committee on the New York controversy shall be taken up for consideration, to speak longer than twenty minutes, nor employ longer than five minutes in reply.

Rep. Wells, of Massachusetts, moved to amend by striking out the words "twenty minutes," and inserting the words "ten minutes."

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which being seconded, was put in the form following, "shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abell, Allen, (2 votes,) Anderson, Baker, Boak, Brown, of N. Hamp., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Deering, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, Marley, Moffet, (2 votes,) Morton, Page, (2 votes,) Parmenter, Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes,) Towers, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Wells, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—58.

NAYS.—Reps. Bond, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Torre, DeSausure, (2 votes,) Forman, Gallaher, Merrick, (2 votes,) Mott, Parker, Read, Sessford, (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakefield—18.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved that when the Grand Lodge proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee on the New York controversy, that one of the contestants on each side be allowed the same length of time to address the lodge on the subject which has been allowed to members; which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abell, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Deering, Torre, DeSausure, (2 votes,) Fritz, Gallaher, Green, Griffin, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Merrick, (2 votes,) Moffet, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Ramsdell, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Thomas, (2 votes,) Towers, Treadway, Wells, (2 votes,) Wakefield—53.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Baker, Cole, Conrad, Dickson, Frost, Gillespie, Kneass, Marley, Morton, Tewksbury, (2 votes,) Thorington, Whitall, Woodward; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Hopkins—18.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, to report at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge a form of service to be uniformly observed, if adopted, in laying corner stones and dedications of Odd-Fellows' Halls; *Provided, nevertheless*, the same shall be attended with no expense to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, report:

That they have examined and amended the same; adding to clause 1 of section 1, article ii, "and of all Past Grands belonging to Subordinates of this Grand Lodge; but Past Grands, who are not representatives, shall not be allowed to vote except for the election of officers," and as amended recommend the approval thereof.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, directing a definition of the mode of conferring the Grand Encampment Degree and admission of members, report:

That the subject has been already reported and acted upon in secret session; the committee therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Baker, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and is hereby permitted (if she so require) to change that part of her constitution which has reference to the annual meeting held on the fourth Monday in April, so as to read 10 o'clock A. M. instead of 5½ o'clock, as it now reads.

P. G. S. Kennedy moved that the Lodge now proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the New York controversy, and the question being put to the Lodge,

Rep. Torre, of S. Carolina, moved a call of the Lodge, which was agreed to.

The call having been gone through, and a quorum having been found present,

The Lodge proceeded with the consideration of the resolution of P. G. Sire Kennedy, that the report of the committee on the New

York controversy, now lying on the table, be taken up, which was agreed to; the yeas and nays on the motion having been asked by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, they appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, (2 votes,) Anderson, Baker, Ballou, Burr, (2 votes,) Cole, Deering, Dickson, Frost, Gillespie, Griffin, Kneass, Marley, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parmenter, Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Tewksbury, Towers, Whitall, Wells, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—37.

NAYS.—Reps. Bond, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Conrad, Torre, DeSausure, (2 votes,) Forman, Fritz, Green, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Parker, Read, Roberts, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tennessee, (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakefield—31.

The report of the committee being under consideration, Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, from the minority, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, the minority of the committee to whom was referred the investigation of the difficulties in the Order in the State of New York, and to report thereon, would respectfully report:

That in conjunction with the other members of the committee, he has examined into the matters referred to said committee, and dissenting from the opinions adopted by the majority, has arrived at the following conclusions of law and of fact:

The Grand Lodge of New York having involved itself in great embarrassment by an unsuccessful effort to revise its constitution, was relieved by the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last September session, by the passage of the following resolutions, namely:

“*Resolved*, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, is now the fundamental law of the said Grand Lodge; and that article vi, section 1, of the said constitution, which was stricken out, be and hereby is restored and declared in full force and effect, except so far as is reserved in the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York; and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action in pursuance of article ix, section 1, of its constitution; provided, however, that the constitution, as adopted, be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the require-

ments of article 10 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

After the passage of the above resolutions, the form of constitution mentioned in them was referred to the committee on constitutions in the Grand Lodge of the United States, who reported three amendments to the same, and their report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Immediately after the adjournment of that session of the G. L. of the U. States, its Grand Corresponding Secretary prepared an abstract of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the subject, containing the report of the Committee of Appeals, the resolutions as adopted, the report of the Committee on Constitutions, and the action adopting it, which was printed in a collected form, and certified by him officially to the Grand Lodge of New York, which received it by its Grand Secretary before its November session in that year. The Grand Corresponding Secretary did not transmit to the Grand Lodge of New York any written or printed copy of the constitution referred to in the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or of any constitution whatever, in as much as he deemed that the printed abstract of the proceedings which he did officially furnish, was amply sufficient for the guidance and instruction of the Grand Lodge of New York, as his testimony before this committee makes clearly apparent.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States judged rightly that it was not necessary for him to transmit any printed or written form of constitution to the Grand Lodge of New York, for the Grand Lodge of the United States had only an informal copy of that constitution before it, while the Grand Lodge of New York had the original in its archives. On receiving the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge of New York could therefore precisely determine what action it was required to take, and at once adopt that action. The convention constitution was moreover a document which was well known throughout the jurisdiction in New York, and had not only been printed in various forms and generally distributed among the Past Grands in the State, but was besides printed bodily in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York at its August session, 1847, which had been distributed among its members. At the November session of the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1847, soon after the opening of the Grand Lodge, a printed resolution in the following terms was offered, namely:

"Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention held in November, 1846, which was referred to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, except such parts thereof as were then stricken out by said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and hereby is amended and adopted and declared to be the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and as amended and adopted, it shall read as follows."

To this resolution, and forming a part of the same, was appended,

in a printed form, what was alleged to be the convention constitution, with those parts stricken out which the Grand Lodge of the United States had stricken out, and with certain amendments incorporated therein. Thus the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, which had been by the very terms of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States placed before the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session in 1847, for its action, "to adopt or reject or amend and adopt," was taken up for amendment and adoption. On comparison of this document with the convention constitution, it will be found that it does contain the general structure of the convention constitution, and also those broad and peculiar organic features of the convention constitution which distinguish that constitution from all others, and mark it as the form of constitution specified in the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It also appears that it does not contain those provisions of the convention constitution which were stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States. It also contains many amendments, some of which are substantial, but most of which are verbal or of little importance, and all of which were fully authorized by the power granted to "*amend* and adopt." If it was legally adopted, then there is no doubt that it is the "convention constitution amended and adopted, with those parts stricken out which the Grand Lodge of the United States itself struck out" and submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for its action, by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the U. States.

To ascertain whether it was legally adopted, it is well now to recur to the action of the Grand Lodge of New York upon it. The resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied, was before the Grand Lodge during the first day of the session, when a recess was ordered, and printed copies of the resolution, in which the proposed constitution was embodied, were generally distributed among the Past Grands present, and a large number of printed copies remained undistributed in the Grand Lodge Room after all were supplied. The members present, therefore, had an ample opportunity of knowing what was before the Grand Lodge for its action. Finally, on the re-assembling of the Grand Lodge, the resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied was made the special order for the next day, to which time the Grand Lodge took a further recess, and the Past Grands resident in the city of New York sat in regular organized committee upon that printed resolution, embodying the proposed constitution, in the recess. At the prescribed time on the next day, the Grand Lodge of New York proceeded to act upon the adoption of the proposed constitution. The resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied was then taken up and read, from the beginning of the resolution to the end of the constitution; and after the reading was finished, an amendment was proposed to one of the sections of the proposed constitution by Past Grand Sire John A. Kennedy. The previous question was then called for, and sustained by the Grand Lodge. A point of order was then raised

as to the effect of the previous question. The acting Grand Master decided that under the previous question as ordered, the vote was about to be taken upon the adoption of the convention constitution, without any amendment. This decision was appealed from, on the ground that under the previous question as ordered the vote was about to be taken upon the adoption of the resolution embodying the constitution in its amended form. The appeal was sustained, and the decision of the acting Grand Master reversed. The question was then taken, and the resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied was adopted by a more than two-thirds vote, a two-thirds vote being all that was required by the then existing constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York for the adoption of constitutional amendments. One party insists that the "*resolution and constitution*" were then declared adopted by the presiding officer; the other party insists that only the "*resolution*" was declared adopted. It cannot be material which announcement was made, inasmuch as the resolution embodied the constitution, and the adoption of the resolution by a two-third vote necessarily involved the adoption of that constitution; moreover, the Grand Lodge had just decided that very point.

The objection has been made to the legality of the foregoing action of the Grand Lodge of New York, that the convention constitution, in the shape in which the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States had left it, was not formally presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at the time it was acted upon. To this the obvious reply is, that this was not necessary, because, as before stated, the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States itself, by its very terms, laid that form of constitution before the Grand Lodge of New York for its action. Moreover, the original convention constitution was in the archives of the Grand Lodge of New York, and when the resolution for its amendment and adoption was offered, was on the desk of the Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge Room. Such parts of it as were stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States, must, in contemplation of law, be supposed to have no further legal existence.

Moreover, the Grand Lodge of New York was merely called upon to perform a certain *act*, and the only question to be asked of that Grand Lodge is, did it *perform that act*? and not, by what lights it presumed to walk in the paths of its duty? Even if the Grand Lodge of New York had not had the official evidence which the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the G. L. U. S. furnished to it, and yet by other lights, or without any light at all, did the very thing which the Grand Lodge of the United States required it to do, and at the very time, so, when the act was directed to be done, that act must be justified and accepted as a full performance of the mandate. Such a compliance the Grand Lodge of the State of New York presents to us, and it is not permitted us to inquire under what guidance the act was done. It is sufficient that the act required was actually performed.

It is again objected that the Grand Lodge of New York erred in deciding that the vote pending after the ordering of the previous question was the adoption of the resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied, instead of the adoption of the convention constitution, as decided by the acting Grand Master. But to this the answer is that all legislative bodies have the inherent right of construing their own rules of order without appeal; and the Grand Lodge of the United States has at this very session refused to entertain an appeal from a grand body on a point arising upon its construction of its own rules of order. The then existing constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York provided expressly that that body might construe its own rules of order, on appeal from the decision of the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge, therefore, had a right to construe its own rules of order on that point, and having so decided, and the final vote having been taken under a full knowledge of the effect of that decision, no good objection can be taken to the validity of that action. Moreover, if the objection thus taken were to prevail, its effect would be to establish the fact that the convention constitution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York in the precise shape in which it was left by the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, without any further amendments. This result is not contended for by those who resist the amended constitution, and would probably be very unacceptable to them, but it is the legitimate result of their proposition. But while it is clear that the constitution, as embodied in the resolution, was legally adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, still this point is not involved in the question at issue; for the organization of the Grand Lodge of New York, the election and installation of its officers, and the election of its Grand Representatives, would be the same under the convention constitution as under the amended form of that constitution, as actually adopted; and whether the one constitution or the other was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, the body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of New York, and working under a constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, in November, 1847, of which Daniel P. Barnard's Grand Master, and John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon are Grand Representatives, must be recognized as the legal body. But clearly appears not only that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York itself understood that it had adopted the form of constitution embodied in the resolution passed upon, but that the Grand Master so understood it, for in his official letter to the M. W. Grand Secretary upon that subject, which bears date on the 17th day of November, 1847, and a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked A, and made a part of this report, he distinctly states the fact that the resolution with the constitution annexed, and which was a part of it, was adopted by a two-third vote. This official manuscript letter, which in its verbal structure does not correspond with the journal of proceedings in the two conflicting forms in which it is furnished by the contending parties, furnishes decisive proof as to what actually took place

at the November session, in regard to the adoption of an amended constitution.

On the receipt of this letter of the Grand Master of New York, the M. W. Grand Sire, after taking time for deliberation, responded by an official letter, under date of Nov. 27, 1847, which is hereto annexed, marked B, and made a part of this report. In this official communication the M. W. Grand Sire embodies a most conclusive argument, showing that the Grand Lodge of New York did, at its November session, fully comply with the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and did "amend and adopt the form of the convention constitution," in the spirit of the resolutions of the G. L. U. S. The only question reserved by the M. W. Grand Sire was the question of the point of time at which the constitution as so adopted should go into operation. On this point the Grand Sire instructed the Grand Master of New York that it could not go into operation until it had been finally approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States. But that express point was decided otherwise, in a report made and adopted at the last session of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, and recorded on pages 453 and 454 of the 2d volume of the proceedings in these words:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the query presented by Rep. AtLee, of the District of Columbia, report:

Under the by-laws, (article x,) the constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge, or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be referred to this Grand Lodge for its approval. The committee believe that the analogy of the law includes also amendments to such constitutions. The committee therefore report that the constitutions of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and all amendments thereto, must be submitted to this body for examination. If approved, they of course become the organic law. If error be found, the error must be corrected. In order to cover the whole ground, the committee take leave to add that, in the interval between the adoption of the constitution, or amendments, and its confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, *it is binding upon the body by which it has been adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES."

Article x of the by-laws requires that the constitution of a body chartered by the G. L. of U. S. shall, on its adoption, be forwarded to the G. L. of U. S. for approval. The concluding proviso of the second resolution passed by the G. L. of U. S. in the New York case as above recorded, merely announces the same law as applicable to the constitution about to be adopted by the Grand Lodge of

New York. The above decisive construction of article 10 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of U. States applies with equal force to the same proviso as contained in the said resolution, and it may, therefore, be considered as a settled point that the amended constitution went at once into operation.

The only point for further consideration is whether that constitution being in legal operation could be suspended, and another form of constitution revived and put in operation either by the act of the Grand Master of New York, or by that of the M. W. Grand Sire, or by the acts of both combined. For by a proclamation bearing date on the first day of December, 1847, which is hereto annexed, marked C, and made a part of this report, the Grand Master declared the said amended constitution to be adopted, but not to be in force, and that it would not go into force until it had been approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, but declared the old constitution to be in force until such approval. Thus a second time, in his official character, and in the most solemn manner, declaring that the amended constitution had been adopted at the November session in 1847. Subsequently, the M. W. Grand Sire appointed a commission of five brethren to proceed to New York and investigate certain points of law and fact. Before this commission the friends of the amended constitution declined to appear, as they doubted the authority of the Grand Sire in the premises; consequently the testimony taken by that commission was wholly *ex parte*, and on their report to the M. W. Grand Sire he transmitted to Grand Master Taylor his opinion that the amended constitution had not been legally adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

At this point commenced the division in the State of New York. Those Past Grands who contended that the amended constitution was legally in force continued their organization as a Grand Lodge of New York under the constitution adopted at the November session, of which Daniel P. Barnard is Grand Master, and John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon, Grand Representatives. Those who coincided with Grand Master Taylor continued their organization as a Grand Lodge of New York, under the old constitution, of which George H. Andrews is Grand Master, and James W. Hale and John J. Davies are Grand Representatives.

The question then recurs, can a Grand Master by his proclamation overrule the legislative action of his Grand Lodge? Nothing seems clearer than that he cannot. He is the creature of his Grand Lodge. Whatever judicial powers he may possess over *new* questions during the recess of his Grand Lodge, still as to questions which his Grand Lodge has itself specifically decided, there is nothing for him to act upon except to obey those decisions. They are mandates which he as well as others must obey. The Grand Lodge of the U. S. decided at its last session that a Grand Master could not refuse to put an appeal made from his decision in his Grand Lodge upon any question: and shall it now be pretended that when a Grand Lodge has adopted an amended constitution, and decided that it shall go at

once in force, that the Grand Master may, in the recess of his Grand Lodge, annul the action of his Grand Lodge, overrule its decision, and overturn its constitution? The absurdity of such a proposition appears still stronger when he attempts to defeat the operation of an organic law which the Grand Lodge of the United States had just decided should go into effect immediately on its adoption.

Has the M. W. Grand Sire any authority to interfere with the action of a State Grand Lodge in such a case? If so, where does he get his authority? Is it an enactment of positive law? The Grand Lodge of the United States has recorded its decision in the first volume of its printed proceedings, at page 108 in these words, "*Resolved, that the powers of the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States are contained in the constitution of said Grand Lodge.*" To the constitution we therefore look. But there he is not recognized as a judicial officer, with powers of deciding vexed questions of law, but only as an executive officer, whose duty it is "during the recess of the Grand Lodge to exercise a general superintendence over the interests of the Order." To oversee it, to watch over it, to see that the Ministerial Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States discharge their duties, to call attention to the violations of law, to give advice and instruction, and to set in motion, in cases of exigency, that body which exercises the supreme legislative and judicial authority in the Order; but not to assume to sit as judge. He has no power to punish, to suspend, or expel; and if his admonitions are disregarded, he can only ask the intervention of that superior body whose officer he is, and whose laws he himself must obey. The terms of the written law of the Order do not, therefore, invest the Grand Sire with functions of a judicial officer, any more than the constitution of the United States of America, in its provision that "the President shall see that the laws be faithfully executed," authorizes him to sit as a judge, and not merely as an executive officer.

The provisions of positive law thus failing to sustain such an act of authority on the part of the Grand Sire, recourse is had to the supposed necessity of the case. It is said that unless some judicial authority exists in the recess of the Grand Lodge of the U. States, State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may go astray nearly a whole year without interruption. So it was urged at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that unless a Grand Master had a right to refuse to put appeals from his decisions to his Grand Lodge, his Grand Lodge might go astray a whole year before the error could be corrected. But the Grand Lodge of the United States, in effect, decided at that time, that it was preferable that this should be the case than that a Grand Master should put himself above the laws of his Grand Lodge. So of a Grand Sire. It is better that a Grand Lodge should go astray a whole year, than that an executive officer should assume to exercise judicial functions. For the investment of judicial and executive functions in the same hands enters into the very definition of a despotism. Besides, the exercise of such an authority cannot be useful, for to be useful it must be

final in its nature; and if final, then it would always be right in point of law, for the same reason that the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States is always right, because it is final and conclusive.

If a supposed evil is progressing, and a *final* power interposes to correct it, perhaps good may result, but what if that power be not *final*, but its acts subject to be reviewed by a higher power? And what if, on such review, those acts be reversed, and it be decided that the original supposed evil was not an evil, but a positive good? The argument, therefore, which supposes the necessity of a power of intervention in the Grand Sire, but yet admits that that power is not infallible, and is subject to review and reversal by a still higher power, thus acts against itself, and while it shows that such a power, if legal, could rarely do good, it also shows that it must often bring about great evils. Such a power is, therefore, not only unnecessary, but absolutely dangerous.

If it be contended that the Order of Odd-Fellowship is not a republic, still it does not follow that it is a despotism. While it is generally organized on a representative basis, still those representatives must be chosen from a class to whom the tests of a high grade of merit have been successfully applied. And it is not only more convenient, but more expedient, because more consonant to the spirit of the age, that a question primarily decided by the Past Grands in open Grand Lodge, should not be unsettled until it is reviewed directly by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is only after long and painful deliberation that this conclusion has been adopted. While the highest respect is entertained for the Most Worthy Grand Sire, which is doubly enhanced by a deep appreciation of the painful responsibility which he has assumed in this matter, and a profound confidence in the undoubted integrity of his intentions, still the undersigned is constrained to express his conclusions that the Most Worthy Grand Sire, in interfering with the action of the Grand Lodge of New York on the adoption of an amended form of constitution, exceeded his powers, and assumed the exercise of an authority which is not granted to him by the laws of the Order. On this very day the Grand Lodge of the United States have, by unanimously voting a large appropriation to defray the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's commission in the New York case, shown their confidence in his official integrity, and if they now proceed to vindicate their laws by deciding that he erred in his interference in that case, that decision cannot be a matter of reproach to an officer the rectitude of whose intentions has been thus decisively passed upon. Such is the confidence reposed in the high sense of honor of that officer, that the belief is entertained that so far from cultivating a sense of personal pride in this matter, he would much rather have the Grand Lodge decide that he has improvidently exceeded his authority, than that any brethren, or still more, that so many thousands of his brethren in a great and flourishing jurisdiction, and who have been for so long a time and at so enormous an expense struggling for the recognition of their rights, should now be defeated by the exercise of a doubtful authority.

A single further point is reserved for consideration: Suppose it to be conceded that the Grand Sire had the power to interfere, but that his decision was erroneous, and ought not to be sustained by the Grand Lodge of the United States as matter of law. In that case shall the Grand Lodge overturn the organic law of a State Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge organized under it, merely because the Past Grands of that State, doubting the powers of the Grand Sire, have refused to yield to a decision which is conceded to be erroneous? Shall not that constitution and that Grand Lodge rather be sustained, no matter what censure may be inflicted upon those Past Grands for vindicating the legality of their acts in an irregular manner? Otherwise, what absurdities would be involved in the proposition that the Grand Lodge of the United States, being now called upon to confirm an act which is a legal one, refuses to do so, because the brethren who claim the benefit of that act have in the interim refused to acknowledge the decision of an officer which that officer had a right to make, but which decision the Grand Lodge cannot sustain in point of law? Thus it seems if the power of the Grand Sire be conceded as matter of argument, the same conclusion would follow, and the constitution legally adopted must be sustained. At any rate, if the Grand Sire had the power to suspend the operation of that constitution until this time, *now* the Grand Lodge of the United States must decide whether that constitution shall be henceforth in operation and effect. The undersigned, therefore, reports his conclusions:

That the constitution prepared for adoption in the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session in 1847, was legally adopted, and went at once into operation, and that its continuance and operation has not been impaired by the subsequent action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, or of the M. W. Grand Sire, or of both of them.

That the existing body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New York, of which Daniel P. Barnard is Grand Master, and John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon are Grand Representatives, is the legal Grand Lodge of New York.

The undersigned is of opinion that the adjustment of the case of the Grand Lodge of New York involves that of the Grand Encampment of that State, and therefore does not enter into the details of that case.

Herewith the undersigned submits two resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

A. K. MARSHALL.

Resolved, That the constitution submitted by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York was taken up by that body at its November session, 1847, as directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and amended and adopted, and as amended and adopted forthwith became the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Resolved, That John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon, having been duly elected members of the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Grand Lodge of New York, are entitled to seats in this body.

[DOCUMENT A.]

[Seal of G. L. of N. Y.]

Office of G. Master of G. Lodge, }
State of New York. }

H. R. KNEASS, ESQ.,

G. Sire G. Lodge of United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the November session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on Wednesday, the first day of the session, the business was proceeded with till the reception of communications, when the Grand Secretary presented the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was read, and is annexed and marked A.

When G. R. J. W. Dwinelle offered the following resolution, also annexed, marked B.

Which resolution was read, and the Grand Lodge then took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M., when G. R. Dwinelle offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now take a recess until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, that the first business at that hour shall be the reception and reference of credentials of representatives, the report of the committee on the same, and the admission of new members, and immediately thereafter, the Grand Lodge will take action upon the resolution of G. R. Dwinelle, this morning offered and was pending in reference to the amendment of the constitution of this R. W. Body.”

When the Grand Lodge took a recess till 10 o'clock on Thursday. Immediately after the recess was declared, P. G. Warden D. B. Barnard notified the members present that copies of the constitution had been prepared, and the members would be provided with them, at the same time bringing in the Grand Lodge Room printed copies, and such persons as pleased furnished themselves with them.

On Thursday (the next day) the resolution offered the day previous by G. R. Dwinelle, and made the special order, was taken up and read; as also the constitution annexed to said resolution. During the reading of the constitution P. G. Sire Kennedy offered an amendment to one of the sections, when a point of order was raised, whether a motion to amend was in order before the reading had been completed.

The chair decided that the amendment could be proposed as the reading proceeded;

When an appeal was taken, and the decision of the chair reversed.

The Grand Secretary then proceeded and completed the reading, when a motion was made that the resolution and constitution, as submitted by G. R. Dwinelle, be adopted.

P. G. Sire Kennedy inquired if the constitution was now open for amendment, and if so, whether it was open for general amendment in any part of it, or whether it would be again read and adopted by sections?

The chair, P. G. Master Stewart presiding, decided that the proposed constitution was opened for general amendment.

Whereupon P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to amend section 1, article xi, by striking out all after the words "shall constitute the Grand Committee of the district."

Whereupon G. R. Dwinelle called for the previous question on his resolution and amendments to the constitution.

P. G. Master McGowan inquired what was the previous question?

The chair decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution.

G. R. Dwinelle appealed from the decision of the chair, and the decision was reversed.

The question was then taken on the call of the previous question, which was seconded by the Grand Lodge, and the resolution, with the constitution annexed, was adopted by a vote of representatives of lodges.

By reason of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a large portion, considering they have legally adopted a constitution, and made provision for putting it immediately in operation, to take effect after the closing of the November session, and after finishing the business of the Grand Lodge, closed the session. Another portion, among whom are several P. G. Masters, consider the constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge as not being legally adopted, and insist that the constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their late session, should have been presented and passed upon, as required by the resolutions to the report of the Committee on Appeals, as sent to the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Also, you have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York relative to the adoption of a constitution at its November session, in pursuance to the requirements of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Under the circumstances in which I am placed, and the diversity of opinion relative thereto, I need your official advice and instructions relative to the course I am to pursue.

1st. Should not the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its late session, have been before the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, before amendments could be offered to the same, if any were required?

2d. That constitution not being before the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, could another offered in lieu of it be legally adopted?

3d. Must the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, (if legally adopted) be immediately put in force, as required by that constitution, or should it be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States before it can be enforced?

Your immediate attention to the above, and an early reply, will much oblige

Yours, fraternally,

JOSEPH R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*

New York, Nov. 17, 1847.

[DOCUMENT B.]

Philadelphia, November 27, 1847.

JOSEPH R. TAYLOR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your letter of the 17th instant has been received.

To the first inquiry contained in it, to wit: "Should not the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its late session, have been before the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, before amendments could be offered to the same, if any were required?" I answer, that the second resolution reported by the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the last session, declares that the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt, or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action, in pursuance of article vi, section 1, of its constitution, &c.

By this resolution it will be seen that the Grand Lodge of New York is directed, at its November session, to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same, &c. When so taken up at the November session, it might have been amended, but not before.

To the second inquiry, to wit: "That constitution not being before the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, could another, offered in lieu of it, be legally adopted?"

I answer, the said resolution of the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the U. States directs that the form of constitution, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the said Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the Grand Lodge of New York, which Grand Lodge is directed at its November session to take it up and act upon the same. Subsequently the Committee on Constitutions, in their report upon the form of constitution referred to, recommended that certain portions of the same be stricken out, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the U. States, and by the adoption of the said report the portions of the said form of constitution referred to in the said report as objectionable were stricken from the said form of constitution.

If, then, the form of constitution, as referred to by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York, was not taken up by the latter body at its November session, but a different one, the taking up the latter form was without the authority of law, and if the same was adopted, its adoption is a nullity.

To the third inquiry, "Must the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of N. York at its November session, (if legally adopted) be immediately put in force, as required by that constitution? or

should it be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States before it can be enforced?"

I answer, the proviso in the resolution referred to, makes it necessary for the constitution, as adopted, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article x. of the by-laws of that body. If the form of constitution which was referred to the Grand Lodge of New York were submitted to that Grand Lodge at its November session, and adopted with or without amendments, the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States is a prerequisite to its going into operation. Although, by a general resolution, an amended constitution operates at once upon the body adopting it, and continues in force, subject only to the veto power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet in the case referred to, in which there has been legislation of a very special character, the phrase employed in the resolution, and the spirit pervading it, both point clearly to the positive necessity of having the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its becoming binding and operative.

In thus answering, I ask that you will bear in mind that I have confined myself thus far to the abstract proposition submitted to me.

Upon examining the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, commencing on Wednesday, the first day of the session, I find that the Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States, which contained a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of that body relative to the form of constitution, and the same was read, when a resolution was offered to the effect that the form of constitution reported by the convention held November, 1846, which was referred to the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, except such parts thereof as were stricken out by the said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and the same is hereby amended and adopted, &c., which resolution was made the special order of the day for the next day, when the amendments to the said form of constitution were considered and adopted.

Under the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States the Grand Lodge of New York was *directed* to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same. With these facts before me, I cannot but conclude that the said form of constitution, as reported by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was taken up and acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York within the meaning of that resolution. The presenting of the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States which contained exclusively the proceedings of that body relative to the form of constitution—the offering of a series of amendments to the same, without objection from either the G. Master or any of the members—the submitting of the said amendments to the Grand Lodge and the admitted motion to amend the said amendments, all show, it seems to me, that the said form was taken and understood universally to be before that Grand Lodge for consideration and final action, and being thus taken up, it

was competent for the Grand Lodge of New York to adopt it, with either a series of amendments or a single amendment, but after the adoption of the said form, so amended, it is necessary for the Grand Lodge of the United States to approve the same before it can go into operation.

If, then, the requirements of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, directing the Grand Lodge of New York to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same, have been fully complied with, as I think they have, upon a careful examination of the facts as submitted, it is your duty to see that the said form, so amended, is forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, pursuant to the x article of the by-laws of the latter body, and when so approved it will be binding as the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but not before such approval is had.

Fraternally yours,

H. R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

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I. O. O. F.

Whereas the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its late session, adopted the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action, in pursuance of article vi, section 1, of its constitution; provided, however, that the constitution, as adopted, be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article x. of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.”

And whereas the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session, voted to adopt a constitution, in which provision is made for its going into operation immediately after the close of the November session.

And whereas, by a general resolution, an amended constitution operates at once upon the body adopting it, and continues in force, subject only to the veto power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet, in this case, in which there has been legislation of a special character, the phrase used in the resolution, and the spirit pervading it, both point clearly to the positive necessity of having the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its becoming binding and operative.

And whereas, by general rumor, it would appear that the Order in this jurisdiction are made to believe that the constitution, as voted to be adopted at the November session, 1847, is now in full force; therefore,

I, Joseph R. Taylor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I. O. O. F., by authority vested in me, do issue this my Proclamation, as well to disabuse the minds of the members of the Order as to declare that the constitution which was in force on the first Wednesday of August, 1846, is now and will remain in full force until the constitution, as voted to be adopted at the November session, 1847, shall be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and accordingly all regular members are hereby required to recognize only the constitution in force on the first Wednesday of August, 1846.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at the Office of the Grand Master, in the city of New York, this first day of December, 1847.

Yours fraternally,

[Seal of G. L. N. Y.] JOS. R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master*.

Pending the question, on motion of Rep. Dickson, of Delaware, the Grand Lodge took a recess until five o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 23, 5 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the time of the recess, to wit, the report of the committee on the New York controversy.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to amend the minority report by striking out all that part which relates to the Grand Encampment of New York.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved to substitute the minority report and resolutions, for all that part of the majority report and resolutions which relates to the Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the Grand Lodge agreed to hear the respective claimants for seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States from the state of New York.

Whereupon P. G. Dwinelle, of New York, one of the contestants, rose in his place and declined to go into the argument of the question involved, on account of the exhaustion of body and mind which the labors incident to the examination of the subject before the Committee to whom the question had been referred, had necessarily superinduced, in which course P. G. Davies and P. G. Hale, of New York, also of the contestants, fully acquiesced and respectfully declined to address the Lodge.

A long debate ensued by members of the Grand Lodge.

The discussion having closed, the question was on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, to substitute the minority report, for so much of the majority report as relates to the subject of the Grand Lodge of New York.

At this stage of the proceedings Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, rose in his place, and submitted the following paper:

The undersigned, one of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, having been honored by this Grand Lodge, during its present communication, with the election to the highest office in its gift, and a question of the gravest moment coming up from one of the State jurisdictions, involving not only matters of local importance, but also the construction of the prerogatives, rights and powers pertaining to the office to which he has been elected, requests the permission of the Grand Lodge to retire when the vote commences; not because he has formed opinions which he fears to express, but because he considers it to be improper for him to take part in the final decision of a question directly bearing upon the privileges of the station which he is expected hereafter to fill.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
*Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia,
and Grand Sire elect.*

Whereupon the leave therein asked was unanimously granted.

Rep. Baker, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to.

The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the majority of the committee?"

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, called for a division of the first resolution, and the question being on the first branch of the same, to wit: "Resolved, That James W. Hale and John J. Davies are the legal representatives from the Grand Lodge of New York," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, (2 votes,) Anderson, Baker, Boak, (2 votes,) Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Harris, (2 votes,) Holmes, Kneass, Marley, Merrick, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Parmenter, Patten, Ramsdell, Read, Ridgely, Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Maine, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Whittall, Woodward, Zimmerman, Wells; Past Grand Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—47.

NAYS.—Reps. Ballou, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, Gallaher, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Marshall, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Roberts, (2 votes,) Spooner, Thomas, (2 votes,) Treadway, Wakefield—24.

The question recurring upon the second branch of the resolution, as follows: "That Wm. W. Dibblee and Joseph D. Stewart, are the legal representatives from the Grand Encampment of New York, and that they be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the second resolution accompanying the report of the majority, it was agreed to.

The question then being on the report of the majority, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, it was ordered that the committee heretofore appointed on that subject, proceed to classify the representatives from the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of New York.

Whereupon, the ballots having been deposited in a box, in the manner prescribed, were drawn by the Grand Marshal, as the names of the representatives of New York were called by the Grand Secretary, when the following named representatives drew the numbers attached to their respective names, to wit:

Grand Lodge of New York.

James W. Hale	-	-	-	1
John J. Davies	-	-	-	2

Grand Encampment of New York.

Joseph D. Stewart	-	-	-	1
Wm. W. Dibblee	-	-	-	2

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, report:

That they have examined and amended the same, by adding the word "and" between the words "Lodge" and "regularly," in section 1, article i. and the words "but Past Grands in good standing, members of Subordinates of this Lodge, shall be entitled to attend its sessions and vote for the election of officers," to the end of section 1, article ii, and as so amended recommend its approval.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, have had the report of the Grand Lodge of N. York placed in their hands, and on examination find it to be correct, as near as they can judge on a hasty examination.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS SPOONER,
H. L. PAGE,
R. S. HARRIS.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, and

sundry amendments to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, report:

That they have examined and amended, by making them conform to the laws of the Order and the decisions of this Lodge at the present session, and as so amended, recommend their adoption.

ROBT MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, it was

Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge present to Grand Representative James W. Hale, of New York, a special Diploma, in consideration of his services as special D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of the American Lodges in England, in 1845, and that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare and present the same.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Patten, of Georgia, relative to the expediency of establishing in this city a journal devoted to the interests of the Order, report:

That from the brief time which the committee, at this late period of the session, are able to give the subject, they cannot report as the importance of the matter deserves; they, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, requiring a definition of the term "good standing," &c., report:

That the committee are unable to add to the definition contained in section 13, article iii, division 3 of the Digest, and beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Davies, of New York, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

I rise for the purpose of communicating to this R. W. Grand body the death of P. G. James A. Coffin, late a representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to this body.

At this late hour of the session it is not my intention to detain you with an extended eulogy on the services or character of our deceased brother.

Those who were acquainted with brother Coffin loved him for his kindness of heart, his courteous disposition and his strict adherence to the principles inculcated by the Order. His loss is generally deplored, not only by his friends and acquaintances, but also by the brotherhood at large in the jurisdiction to which he belonged.

I, therefore, submit the following as a brief tribute to his memory:

WHEREAS it has pleased the Ruler of the Universe to remove from us our brother James A. Coffin, late Representative in this body from the State of New York,

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathize with their brethren of the State of New York in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be entered upon the minutes and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

On motion, the resolutions of Rep. Davies, of New York, were adopted.

The Grand Sire named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, in relation to the preparation and report of a proper form of ceremonies for the dedication of Odd-Fellows' halls:

Reps. Smith, of Tennessee, Ridgely, of Maryland, and Parmenter, of Massachusetts.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, now lying on the table, relating to balloting for candidates for membership, (page 1305 of Journal) which being under consideration,

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to strike out from the report the words "State legislation," and to insert "Grand Sires."

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Hale, of New York, it was

Resolved, That George H. Andrews, M. W. G. M. of New York, be, and he is hereby invited to a seat within the bar of the lodge during the remainder of the session.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, submitted the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, protest solemnly against the decision of the Grand Lodge this night, in adopting the report of the majority of the committee to whom was referred the New York case.

They believe such decision utterly destructive to all the powers heretofore vested in State Grand Lodges, to all the rights of the State jurisdiction, and that it vests in a single hand the entire pre-

rogative of this body. They, therefore feel it their duty solemnly to protest against it.

A. K. MARSHALL,
Rep. of Kentucky.
PETER DELLA TORRE,
Rep. G. E. of S. Carolina.
S. H. PARKER,
Rep. of New Hampshire.
THOMAS SPOONER,
Rep. of Ohio.
RICHARD GREEN,
Rep. of Ohio.
W. B. CHAPMAN.
Rep. G. E. of Ohio.
H. L. PAGE,
Rep. of Wisconsin.
J. H. WAKEFIELD,
Rep. of New Jersey.
ELI BALLOU,
Rep. of Vermont.
J. P. CHAPMAN,
Rep. of Indiana.
SAM'L W. BOND,
Rep. of New Jersey.
LUCIUS A. THOMAS,
Rep. of Connecticut.
WM. W. KNIGHT,
Rep. of Rhode Island.
H. E. ROBERTS,
Rep. of Illinois.
S. BROWN,
Rep. of New Hampshire.
A. TREADWAY,
Rep. of Michigan.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the payment of \$25 to R. Sutton, for services as Secretary to the committee to whom was referred the New York question.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, it was ordered that the sum of \$2 per day be allowed to P. G. M. Jacob Mearis, keeper of the hall, for his services during the session.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, presented the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Officers, and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

BRETHREN,—I desire to offer my very grateful acknowledgments for the distinguished honor conferred upon me, in my appointment as Special Deputy to the Pacific Ocean, and to offer the assurance that my utmost efforts will be exercised in carrying out, to the fullest extent of my ability, the benevolent objects of our beloved Order, throughout the extensive sphere of my district.

ALEX. V. FRASER.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, called up the report of the committee to whom the subject of that part of the Corresponding Secretary's report had been referred, relating to printing. (Pages 1313 and 1314 of the Journal.)

The subject being under consideration, the question was upon the adoption of the report and by-law, recommended by the committee, page 1313 of the Journal.

Whereupon Rep. Gillespie, of Kentucky, moved to amend the By-Law recommended as follows:

Strike out the words "Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati."

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, moved as a substitute for the amendment the following:

Strike out the words "Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati."

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the lodge, was put in form following: "shall the main question be now put," which was agreed to. The main question was then put, as follows: "Will the lodge adopt the report and enact the By-Law reported by the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stewart, of New York, presented, on behalf of the Grand Encampment of New York, two handsomely bound copies of the Journal of Proceedings of that body.

After prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

FROM THE ORDER DURING THE YEAR 1847—8.

MARYLAND.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 2, Nicholas Keenwright, drunkenness; 3, Elias Airy, rioting, 6 months; 5, Henry D. Fouse, Wm. F. Smith, 7, Patrick Sharkey, 20, Nich. Philips, drunkenness; 20, R. R. Vandiver, violation of by-laws, 12 months; 40, J. S. Strawbridge, conduct unbecoming; 54, Trieber, conduct unbecoming, (reinstated by order of G. L.); Samuel A. Smith, conduct unbecoming; R. H. Watts, drunkenness; 4, Thomas Schononstahl, bad conduct; 6, Andrew W. Flemming, intemperance; 9, T. W. Watts, conduct unbecoming; James M. Caulk, drunkenness, 6 months; 15, William Floss, contempt; 16, T. Davidson, John Charlton, conduct unbecoming; 17, Wm. Taylor, conduct unbecoming; 20, J. W. Reiley, drunkenness; 34, H. S. Shaffner, intemperance; 45, N. W. Jones, contempt; 49, E. T. Getzendenner, immoral conduct; 1, Henry Leach, conduct unbecoming; 4, Geo. Leffler, conduct unbecoming; 49, Enoch C. Frost, immoral conduct; 7, Wm. H. Allen, conduct unbecoming; 16, John E. Worsham, inebriety; 49, E. L. Thomas, conduct unbecoming.

Expulsions.—Lodges; No. 7, P. G. Wm. Jarvis, fraud; Samuel E. Rice, drunkenness; 2, J. R. Hodnett, abandonment of family; 45, Wm. Humbleback, abandonment of family; 4, John Rebutts, violation of laws; 51, John Frederick, conduct unbecoming; 5, Elijah Yealdhall, contempt; 8, Henry W. Hook, seduction; 16, Pearson Adrien, ill-treating his wife; 51, Henry Duff, conduct unbecoming.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Suspensions.—828, names and causes not given.

Expulsions.—60, names and causes not given.

NEW YORK.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 14, Antoine Langcheckert, improper conduct; George Hines, improper conduct; 20, Henry N. Conner, improper conduct; 23, Robert Douglass, intemperance; 34, James Bome, improper conduct; 35, Payton James, slander; 40, B. F. Moore, improper conduct; 81, George Crane, improper conduct; 87, E. W. Clarke, improper conduct; P. D. G. M. Crispin Taylor, contempt; 129, P. G. Jacob Faugh, improper conduct, (since reinstated;) 133, W. F. Schlottman, contempt, (since reinstated;) 165, E. D. Sawin, improper conduct; 187, James W. Spoor, violation of laws; 190, Jonas Winchester, contempt; Ebenezer Winchester, contempt; 233, M. B. Wattripont, improper conduct; 243, Marion N. Croft, improper conduct; 248, David Newbaum, improper conduct; 336, Jonas Colan, improper conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 4; Michael Dougherty, constitutional infirmity; 22, P. G. S. John G. Treadwell, contempt; 30, Augustus Herbert, unworthy conduct; 31, Daniel D. Brobston, unworthy conduct; 33, Peter Fairchild, defalcation; 36, Andrew Johnson, improper conduct; 42, P. G. Joseph Hammond, improper conduct; 43, David L. Mathey, improper conduct; 57, William Brockway, slander; 77, John Ackerman, imposing on the Order; 81, Henry C. Hamm, intemperance; Daniel Snedicker, intemperance; 87, Adam Knoel, fraud; 88, V. G. Norman W. Mully, improper conduct; 89, Nathan A. Hallett, contempt; 120, Luke Mandego, habitual drunkenness; 141, Solomon B. Dean, fraud; 165, Baker Bassett, no cause reported; James Allen, abusing benevolence of the Order; 256, Walstien London, misconduct.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 8, Peter Bates, Abraham Tweedle; 7, John Enslee; 11, Jacob Quicksall, A. Keyser; 15, Theodore Thurben, Thomas Williamson; 19, P. G. Hill; 21, John Spring, Geo. Heger; 31, James Yeager; 43, Geo. W. Morton; 57, M. Richardson; 67, Samuel Bombarger; 71, Wm. Yhost; 74, David Wiley; 75, Jacob Embrick, C. Kendig, C. Deck; 76, Jos. Young; 77, A. Loevan; 80, Wm. Wiggins; 86, Samuel McAffee; 95, F. Bofinger; 101, J. S. Reed, Eli Geize; 40, Martin Wardlow; 57, Isaac March; 74, Josh. Kelly; 82, W. D. Waldron; 83, Benj. Berger; 90, Robert Welsh; 95, V. Hofliger; 107, A. A. Craig, W. H. Knowlton; 108, Geo. McNamee, John McNamee; 110, John B. Adams; 114, John Cotterall; 116, J. M. B. Petriken, Theo. Wells; 119, U. J. Jones; 121, John Kreamer; 123, Geo. W. Bessinger; 126, John H. D. Fratus; 131, Amos H. Martin; 141, John F. Ludwig, Hiram Fry; 149, J. P. Williams; 151, S. B. Mulford; 158, John Helm, Carl Kratz; 163, Milton Cornelius; 170, A. D. Griffin; 174, Philip Freund; 175, Thos. McColgan; 177, Geo. W. Mooney, B. F. Roney; 179, H. W. Crotzer; 184, R. P. Pyle; 207, Joel S. Tingley; 205, Nathaniel Hood; 209, William Wise, B. Luke; 233, Jno. W. Leidy; 242, John Leonard; 228, G. M. Cantner; 243, James Pendlebery; 264, A. Cool—improper conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, Daniel Wray; 2, Charles Eves, Wm. Rushworth; 5, George Fields, Rudolph Fields; 7, Lewis Rell, Gotleib Schmid, John Enslee; 10, F. S. Hinkle; 11, Dennis Hoy; 13, Thomas Pennington; 15, George Dare; 16, Samuel M. Detterer; 18, O. E. Lockwood; 25, Jacob C. Brown, Thos. Hough, J. H. Portman; 28, James Edwards, Thos. P. Hall; 33, Thos. D. Sparks; 39, E. K. Ellis; 51, John L. Davis; 54, Phineas Atkinson, Isaac Flack, John Wissed; 70, Wm. Yhost; 86, John Miller, Wm. Krell, John Krell; 91, Wm. Campbell; 93, John Brown, C. Baughman; 107, Geo. A. Wallis; 111, Simon Schweitzer; 112, Chas. W. Lenhart; 128, J. G. Schwan, Wm. Stinereck, Jackson Schæffer; 129, F. K. Cunan; 130, A. E. Wetherill; 129, John D. Peck; 135, John Bisbing; 143, S. Cranmer; 145, John N. Sapphon; 148, James S. Shoemaker, 171, John Naegele; 174, Simon Hallo; 175, J. C. Stumbaugh; 179, Charles W. Cummings; 183, William Schnader; 164, James V. Craven, Samuel

Backenneimer; 192, George Witman; 196, C. H. Kay; 198, John Fleagle; 199, Geo. Keech; 204, Samuel Weaver; 206, William McMakin; 217, W. McCullough, John K. Coxson; 220, G. W. Decamp; 262, J. H. Askins; 267, Chas. Bailey; 299, M. W. Keith, improper conduct.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Suspensions.—110, names and causes omitted.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 6, George Shidell, seduction; 16, James Davey, intemperance.

DELAWARE.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 9, James Mercer, improper conduct to his creditors; 10, W. S. Turner, gambling.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, William S. Pine, bad conduct; John Crayner, intoxication; Henry Longbottom, contempt; 4, Hiram Ditterline, intemperance; 6, Charles T. Foulkes, bad conduct; 12, John Cook, desertion; Jas. W. Hudders, divulging work of the Order.

OHIO.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 3, George W. Howell, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 14, James M. Vaugardon, drunkenness; 19, Hiram N. Gilkinson, playing cards on the Sabbath; 25, William A. Shepherd, intoxication; 61, H. M. Belden, drunkenness; 88, George L. McCook, unbecoming conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, William H. Sheetz, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 2, A. G. W. Lilley, John Murphy, improper conduct; 4, John Thompson, contempt; 7, H. Westlake, unbecoming conduct; 11, Alex. W. Johnson, drunkenness; Wm. W. Love, contempt; 17, James Reynolds, drunkenness; 18, Reuben Gephart, drunkenness; 20, John W. Davis, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 21, George Lane, drunkenness; 24, R. J. Gardner, intemperance; John Collins, dishonesty; 25, J. C. Sharp, fornication; 27, G. W. Martin, intemperance; 29, Alfred G. Hall, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 41, J. W. Bradt, drunkenness; 34, Geo. S. Gilbert, Wm. H. Jones, unbecoming conduct; 40, Wesley Pierce, seduction; Lucien D. McArdle, defrauding a brother; 42, Milton C. Espich, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 46, Lem. Rague, unbecoming conduct; 47, N. F. Albee, dishonesty; E. A. Andrews, drunkenness; 49, James Stewart, James Kineon, contempt; 52, Wm. R. Fisher, drunkenness; 59, Zedekiah Fisk, drunkenness; Jno. Rattle, immoral conduct; 62, Ephraim D. Place, embezzlement; 63, James E. Carroll, wilful lying; 64, J. Wallace King, adultery; 70, Joseph J. Lambert, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 72, D. W. McPherson, defrauding the Lodge; Geo. D. Lathrop, unbecoming conduct; 73, Wm. Southerland, abusing his wife; 76, S. F. Matson, unbecoming conduct; 79, Benj. M. Penn, unbecoming conduct.

LOUISIANA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 3, P. G. Thompson, for writing an anonymous letter, with intent to injure a brother; 10, A. Carl, Wild

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 9, E. R. Beach, for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, in his business transactions; 11, Thos R. Byrne, for obtaining money from brothers under false pretences and conduct generally unbecoming a member of the Order.

NEW JERSEY.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 2, Philip A. Cluse, drunkenness; 15, Eli Camp, gambling; 19, Charles A. Kindle, defrauding brothers; B. H. Dilkes, unbecoming conduct; Mathew Boydho, drunkenness; 20, John Richmond, fraud; 36, Edward Lax, unbecoming conduct; 46, John L. Shreve, desertion of his family; 58, J. H. Medlam, drunkenness; 66, John F. Mellor, assaulting a brother.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 2, Lewis Walmsly, drunkenness; Chas. Harris, drunkenness; 4, Benj. T. Howell, intemperance; 6, Benjamin Crow, defrauding other Lodges; 7, James Furgenson, attempting to defraud the Lodge; 8, J. W. Smith, drunkenness; 9, William Wimmer, beating his wife; 10, Charles Skillman, drunkenness; 15, William Waters, contempt and drunkenness; 17, Amos Siddles, imposing upon the Lodge; 19, William Jones, defrauding; 20, Joseph Clayton, gambling and immorality; 21, David C. Woodruff, immoral conduct; 27, Reuben Woodruff, intemperance; 36, Henry Hankinson, unbecoming conduct; 43, Peter Herrick, obtaining benefits under false pretences; 44, John Higman, leaving his wife and family; 47, David Brandruff, drunkenness.

KENTUCKY.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, Jas. O'Neil, intemperance; 2, John Murray, intemperance; 4, John Banvard, dishonorable conduct; 8, A. Warfield, incest; 12, Ezekiel Johnston, intemperance; 24, Franklin Riggs, adultery; 28, Geo. W. Howe, dishonesty.

VIRGINIA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 4, Henry Thompson, drunkenness; 5, Wm. K. Walker, drunkenness; 6, Patrick Conner, drunkenness; 12, Joseph Farrar, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 26, Richard B. Kirby, drunkenness; 35, Joseph G. Downing, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 29, George W. Corman, gambling; 49, James W. Goodwin, contempt and intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, Henry V. Andrews, drunkenness; 3, A. W. Plattenburg, fraud; 4, Samuel Oppenheimer, swindling; 5, Geo. Scott, drunkenness; 6, Stewart J. Brannon, intemperance and riotous conduct; Daniel Brown, gross and immoral conduct; 7, Wm. C. Lovejoy, swindling; 9, Morise A. Mayer, defrauding creditors; 23, A. R. McQuilken, refusing to pay for depositing card; Joseph Duke, speaking disrespectfully of the members; 25, Wm. O. Smith, fraud; 26, Wm. P. Smith, adultery; 49, George W. Parry, gross immorality; John L. Goodwin, non-payment of dues and unbecoming conduct.

INDIANA.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 2, C. M. O'Brien, fraud, intoxication

and gross immorality; 4, Franklin Bryarton, using improper language towards a brother; 9, Thos. Oldson, gambling; 14, Hiram Simonton, accused of stealing; 21, George Ross Warren, taking monies and not accounting; 32, Stephen D. Baldwin, violating criminal laws and defrauding; 34, Charles S. Dale, adultery; 38, John B. Stamper, seduction and securing abortion; 52, John N. Jones, swindling.

MISSISSIPPI.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 15, N. M. Wilcox, intoxication; 18, John Bauman, immoral conduct; 23, John McGahay, intoxication; 25, D. H. Hale, intoxication.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 3, Antonio Freckman, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 6, J. Futhey, immoral conduct; 8, A. M. Winn, killing Hugh Finney; 12, Dr. J. G. Russell, immoral conduct; J. W. Parker, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 22, J. P. Johnson, dishonesty.

Re-instatements.—Lodges, No. 23, Jno. McGahey; 25, D. H. Hale.

MISSOURI.

Suspensions.—Lodge, No. 14, Nathaniel Burrows, drunkenness.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 3, August Hartwig, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 5, E. R. Eversole, habitual intoxication; C. Eversole, habitual intoxication; 9, Wm. D. Diggs, wanton intoxication; P. E. Wilson, keeping a gambling house; 14, Roger R. Snelling, swindling; 15, John Griffith, gross immoral conduct; 22, Alex. D. Foster, fraud; 23, J. Alexander, gross immoral conduct; R. J. Byron, dishonesty.

ILLINOIS.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 5, David Parks, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 12, C. C. Tanner, immoral conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 3, D. P. Berry, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow and swindling Neilson Lodge No. 25, out of their charter fee; Wm. S. Smith, Robert Keyes, J. M. Smith, A. L. Lane, M. Root, T. W. Smith, N. Maddux, Thomas Newman, W. K. Masten, non-payment of dues; 5, Thomas Martin, defrauding a brother and dishonest in his general conduct; 9, J. P. Martin, cheating a brother; 12, E. D. Jagger, purloining money; J. D. Griffin, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 14, Wm. Alison, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 15, Thos. S. Cocks, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 17, J. B. Hager, fraud and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 21, M. M. Webb, improper conduct; 24, Barclay C. Gillman, adultery.

Re-instatements.—Lodges, No. 3, Wm. K. Masten, Wm. S. Smith; 5, Robert Henry, E. H. Snow; 6, Jesse T. Sappington; 7, Joshua Eastwood, John Gibbins, Wm. Theil, Robert Dawson, J. R. Nolen; 9, Wm. Gardiner; 11, R. C. Willson.

CONNECTICUT.

Suspensions.—159, names and causes omitted.

Expulsions.—12, names and causes omitted.

TENNESSEE.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 5, Job Taylor, intemperance; 6, John E. Phillips, intemperance; 7, John Christopher, intemperance; 8, W. A. Songster, attempt to defraud the lodges; 14, A. Donaldson, defrauding and stealing; 17, J. T. Yancey, bad conduct; 19, Rev. N. P. Modsale, improper correspondence with a married woman; 21, Samuel B. Burges, T. Kelly, intoxication and injuring a brother, 29, one for wanton intoxication, name withheld.

TEXAS.

Expulsion.—Samuel W. Naghell, Wm. Castarphen, unbecoming conduct.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 10, E. F. J. Dupong, Chas. Schultze, illegally selling spirits; 14, H. L. Byrd, W. W. Shackelford, endeavoring to fight a duel and using language of each other conflicting with the principles of the Order.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 12, W. Y. Layton, 15, C. Pemble, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

ALABAMA

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 1, John O'Dair, disorderly conduct; 5, John W. Carney, drunkenness; 8, John Bousson, bad conduct; 9, James H. Rodgers, intemperance; 18, Wm. H. Wayford, conduct unworthy of an Odd-Fellow; 20, E. C. Sanders, (re-instated,) violation of obligation; 23, James B. Trueheart, (re-instated,) intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 6, H. M. Farrior, improper conduct; 13, Oscar Green, drunkenness, (inveterate;) M. L. Campbell, drunkenness; 20, Wm. A. Brown, habitual intoxication; E. C. Sanders, conduct grossly unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Suspensions.—32, names and cause omitted.

Expulsions.—7, names and cause omitted.

GEORGIA.

Expulsions.—Lodges, 9, Samuel E. Smith, fraudulent practice; 19, Shepard Rogers, intemperance; 26, R. W. Stevenson conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

MAINE.

Suspensions.—144, names and cause omitted.

Expulsions.—23, names and cause omitted.

RHODE ISLAND.

Expulsions.—Lodges No. 2, P. G. John Harper, intemperance; 3, Jas. P. Arnold, Hansel Brown, refusing to watch with sick brother; 4, James Gray, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 7, James M. Nevins, swindling; Wm. H. Reynolds, intent to defraud creditors; 12, Christopher J. Bliven, intemperance. Number of expulsions one hundred and one; of which, six were expelled for conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows, and the remainder for non-payment of dues

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Suspensions.—71, names not given.

Expulsions.—40, names not given.

MICHIGAN.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 28, Charles J. Joun, immoral conduct, 10, Joseph Martin, violation of the laws of the State.

WISCONSIN.

Suspensions.—51, names not given.

Expulsions.—8, names not given.

VERMONT.

Suspensions.—2, names not given.

Expulsions.—6, names not given.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspension.—Samuel Bomberger, of Washington Encampment, No. 11, improper conduct.

Expulsions.—George Meyer, of Walhalla Encampment, No. 7, and C. Kendig and C. Deck, of Olive Branch Encampment, No. 13, improper conduct.

NEW YORK.

Expulsions.—No. 25, Ebenezer Winchester, for cause; 28, Joseph Hammond, for defalcation; 35, John G. Treadwell, expulsion from Lodge No. 22.

OHIO.

Expulsions.—No. 9, J. P. Epply, Thomas Hurston, bad conduct; 12, G. S. Gilbert, swindling; 17, Hutton C. Esprick, defrauding his employer.

Suspension.—No. 13, Hiram N. Gilkinson, playing cards on the Sabbath.

NEW JERSEY.

Suspension.—No. 6, Samuel B. Page, bad conduct.

Expulsion.—1, name withheld.

VIRGINIA.

Suspension.—No. 2, John W. Vaughn, expelled from lodge.

Expulsions.—No. 4, Geo. Scott, intoxication; 4, Robt. O. James, expelled from lodge; 5, Daniel Brown, gross immoral conduct; Hy. V. Arden, intemperance.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Suspensions.—No. 13, Thomas Metzard, Jr., immoral conduct; 24, T. M. Latham, Sinacon Nason, suspended by subordinate lodge.

KENTUCKY.

Expulsion.—No. 6, Robert McCracken, drunkenness.

MAINE.

Expulsion.—Churchill Encampment, No. 7, for insubordination to Grand Camp of the State.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Expulsions.—3, names omitted.

OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE U. S., I. O. O. F.

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G. H. P. J. G. Forman,	Dover, N. H.
P. G. <i>Peter Fritz</i> ,	Philadelphia, Pa.
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 D. G. M. Henry Holmes,
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Asher S. Kellogg, of Michigan,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
Jas. L. Ridgely, of Maryland,	R. W. G. C. and R. Sec'y.
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EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN
RELATION TO THE NEW YORK CASE.

TUESDAY, Sept. 19, 1848.

Committee met at 5 o'clock P. M.

John G. Treadwell examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.

Question. Were you Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York I. O. O. F. from the first September, 1847, to first January following?

Answer. I was.

Q. Were you in the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1847?

A. I was present at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1847.

Q. After the adoption of the resolution reported by the Committee of Appeals in the New York case, and after the convention constitution had been reported by the Committee on Constitutions in that body, and their report had been accepted, did you apply to Grand Secretary Ridgely for a certified copy of the convention constitution in the shape in which the Grand Lodge of the United States had left it?

A. I cannot answer that in the shape of yes or no. On the adjournment of the body, I remarked to Grand Secretary Ridgely that the constitution was somewhat lengthy, and that if he would have a printed copy made as amended by the Committee on Constitutions, together with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the New York case, and certify the same, that we would pay the expense thereof. Bro. Ridgely replied that he would do so at the earliest practicable moment, and transmit the same to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Q. Did you as Grand Secretary ever receive what purported to be a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the New York case from Bro. Ridgely?

A. I received a printed copy of the proceedings of the Grand

Lodge of the United States in the New York case, properly attested by Bro. Ridgely, with the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States attached.

Q. I now produce a document marked A, and place the same in your hands. What do you say in regard to it?

A. This is the certified copy alluded to.

Q. Was that document presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at the November session, 1847?

A. It was.

Q. What action, if any, did the Grand Lodge of New York take on the same?

A. The document was read, and at the close of the reading thereof, a resolution was offered, together with an amended constitution; after the reading of the resolution the question was asked by me, whether we should proceed to read the constitution? or words to that effect. I wished to know if it was necessary to read it. A motion was made that the Grand Lodge take a recess to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. An amendment was then offered to strike out 3 and insert 7 o'clock, which did not prevail. The original motion was then adopted, and the Grand Lodge took a recess accordingly.

Q. Was the constitution you speak of appended to the resolution?

A. It was, the whole being in printed form.

Q. Would you recognize that resolution and constitution if it were presented to you?

A. I should.

Q. I now place in your hands printed document marked B; what do you say of it?

A. This was the document presented.

Q. Do you mean the identical document?

A. I do.

Q. By what tokens, if any, do you recognize it from any other copy of the same document?

A. By my endorsement of the same on its reception, and two pencil marks that were made on the second page at the time an amendment was offered.

Q. Is that endorsement and are those pencil marks still legible?

A. They are.

Q. At the time the Grand Lodge took that recess, do you know whether or not the printed copies of that resolution and constitution were distributed amongst the members?

A. The resolution and constitution appended were distributed at the time the Grand Lodge took a recess.

Q. Bro. Treadwell, I now present to you a document marked C; what do you say in regard to it?

[Question objected to. Inadmissible.]

Q. Did you at the time that resolution and printed form of constitution were offered have in your possession the original convention constitution?

[Question waived.]

Q. *By Grand Rep. Marshal.*—Mr. Treadwell, was there not a document offered to the Grand Lodge of New York which was known and designated as the convention constitution?

A. There was not such a document offered in form.

Q. What document was that, or instrument of writing, which was sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States and referred to the Committee of Appeals and designated as the convention constitution of New York?

A. It was a printed copy of the original constitution as framed by a convention of Past Grands in November, 1846.

Q. Do you know where the original manuscript of that document now is, and would you know it if you were to see it?

A. I should know it if I were to see it, and I believe it to be present in the room now.

Q. Is this document, marked C, that constitution?

A. It is.

Q. Is this the original of the copy sent up to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and designated as the convention constitution?

A. It is.

Q. In whose possession did the original document remain from the time the copy was sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States until the action had by the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847, and where was the original document at that time?

A. It remained in my possession as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, and it was lying on the desk of the Grand Secretary at the November session, 1847. It was on the desk of the Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge room at the time the resolution and constitution were offered and the consideration of the same.

Q. *By Grand Rep. Smith.*—Is the document marked C. in the form required by the Grand Lodge of the United States to be presented to the Grand Lodge of New York?

[Question waived.]

Q. Was this document, marked C, formally presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at its session of November, 1847, for its action?

A. It was not presented in form or read by me.

Q. Was it known by the members of the Grand Lodge to be in your possession, and upon your desk in the Grand Lodge room?

A. I cannot answer whether it was or not. Some of them knew it. I suppose so. It was not called for.

Q. Was it announced to the Grand Lodge as being in the Grand Lodge room?

A. It was not.

Examination resumed by Past Grand Dwinelle.

Q. Was it not universally known by members of the Grand

Lodge that the original convention constitution was in your custody as Grand Secretary; by which I mean had it not during the previous year been generally assumed and stated in debate that such was the fact?

[Question objected to. Ruled out.]

Q. Brother Treadwell, were there not a large number of brethren present, Past Grands and members of the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the offering and adoption of that resolution, with the printed form of constitution annexed, who were opposed to the passage of the resolution, and who knew that the original convention constitution was in your keeping as Grand Secretary?

[Question objected to. Q. waived for the present.]

Questions by Grand Rep. Marshall.—How did the convention constitution come into the possession of the Grand Lodge of New York—I mean the original MSS. document?

A. By the requirements of the law authorizing the assembling of the Past Grands in convention.

Q. By whom was that law enacted?

A. By the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Q. By whose or what authority was this committed to your care, or how did it come into your possession?

A. By the requirements of the same law.

Q. Was the convention constitution submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York after its adoption by the Past Grands?

A. It was not.

Q. How did it get into the Grand Lodge room and on the Grand Secretary's desk?

A. I took it there with other documents on the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Q. By what authority was a copy of that document sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. There was no vote passed in the Grand Lodge to transmit a copy, but as Grand Secretary I transmitted it to the proper officer.

Examined by P. G. Dwinelle.—Was there not permission allowed by the Grand Lodge of New York to Brother Dwinelle and another, to appeal from the decision of the Grand Master of New York on a point arising out of this very convention constitution?

[Objected to. Waived.]

Q. *By Grand Rep. Marshall.*—Did you hold that document as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York or in any other official capacity?

A. As Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Q. *By Grand Representative Smith.* Was or was not this document placed in your possession solely for the purpose of being preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of New York?

A. It was placed in my possession as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, for the purpose of transmitting copies thereof to each Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction for their confirmation or rejection.

Q. Was it ever placed in your possession for the purpose of being presented to the Grand Lodge of New York for its action as directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. It was placed in my possession for the purposes as stated in my answer to the preceding interrogatory, but was taken to the Grand Lodge room at the opening of its November session, 1847, knowing that it had to be acted upon by direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Q. Was it called for by any member of the Grand Lodge at that session?

A. It was not.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Sept 20, 1848.

Committee re-assembled at 9 o'clock A. M.

J. G. Treadwell's examination resumed.

At the time the resolution and amended constitution were presented, printed copies of the convention constitution were in the hands of representatives present, as distributed by me as Grand Secretary. About 150 copies were so distributed. The distribution was general. As near as I can recollect, there were about two hundred members present at the opening of the November session. The distribution took place as soon as the Grand Lodge was properly organized. I have the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, 1847. I here produce a copy, [marked E.] The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York have been taken in a rough manner at the session of the Grand Lodge, and upon the adjournment thereof, at as early a moment as practicable, re-written upon sheets of paper for the purpose and use of the printer, and the examination of the proof, and upon the reading of the proof of the same, all errors, if any, that may appear to the Grand Secretary, corrected, which remain in that position until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge for their approval and correction. They are then transcribed from said printed record on the record book at the convenience of the Grand Secretary. The minutes are made perfect in the printed copy. I make the minutes perfect to be presented to the Grand Lodge in the printed copy. I presented the printed copy to the Grand Lodge. The custom has been for a number of years to present the printed copy to the Grand Lodge. When the Grand Lodge has met from day to day no record whatever has been presented; that is, I mean consecutive days. The first few years of my holding the office of Grand Secretary I was in the habit of reading the record from written sheets, at the succeeding meeting of the Grand Lodge, when their adjournment took place for a week or so; and the last day's proceedings of the session were always read from the printed record. My custom has been, when the Grand Lodge met at its quarterly session, and did its business on consecutive days, and closed the session, to read the record from the printed journal at the opening of the next session. The MSS., as prepared for the printer, after the proof

was read, were generally left with the printer, deeming them of no importance whatever. They never were consulted after the printed journal was perfected. They never were preserved by me as Grand Secretary. The proceedings of the November session, 1847, have not been recorded in the manuscript journal. They do not exist as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in any other form than the printed copy. By printed copy I mean the printed copy as presented to the committee. I, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, transmitted a printed copy to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States by mail; it was authenticated by me in letter form accompanying the document sent. The copy sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States was of the same edition as that presented to the committee. It was sent between the 1st of December, 1847, and the 1st January, 1848. On the second day of the session the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution and constitution as presented on the morning of the first day, and adopted the same by over a two-third vote.

[Cross-examination declined by P. G. Andrews.]

By G. Rep. Smith.—The resolution prefixed to the constitution never was offered in manuscript form.

By G. Rep. Marshall.—The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, of the November session, 1847, were presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at its next session thereafter, being August, 1848, and were approved. I recognize but one Grand Lodge of the State of New York—that working under the constitution adopted November, 1847.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—I conceived the Grand Lodge of New York to be working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States in August, 1848. I mean the body to which the proceedings were presented. The charter was not in the possession of that body. I do not know where it was.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—Do you know why the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which you recognized as the legitimate and legal Grand Lodge of that State, should not be in possession of the charter under which it worked

A. Because the Grand Master Joseph R. Taylor had that document in his possession as Grand Master, he not recognizing the same body as myself as the legitimate head of the Order, in the State of New York, thereby retaining possession of the same. I don't know the fact, but I presume he had it.

Q. Where was the charter of the Grand Lodge of New York placed anterior to the difficulties which sprung up in that jurisdiction?

A. It was kept in a frame and placed on the wall of the Grand Lodge room, being deemed in the possession of the Grand Master.

Q. Do you or do you not know that that instrument remained in that position after the difficulties in New York?

A. I cannot answer whether it did remain in that position or not, from the fact that I was debarred admission into the Grand Lodge room.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York were printed, and copies thereof sent to Subordinate Lodges, after the meeting of the Grand Lodge prior to the change of the meetings of the Grand Lodge to consecutive days; they were so sent generally after being approved. If the Grand Lodge met on consecutive days and closed its session, they were sent to the subordinates without being approved, but that only occurred about once or twice. They were generally approved before they were sent out.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—The resolution in document B. is the only form in which it came into my possession as Grand Secretary. It was presented on the first day of the session. The constitution, copies of which I have said were distributed, was not the constitution as prepared by the Grand Lodge of the United States, but were copies of the original constitution as prepared by the convention.

Recess for fifteen minutes.

Theodore A. Ward, examined by P. G. Dwinelle.—I was present in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at the November session, 1847. I was present when Bro. Dwinelle offered a resolution in reference to the proposed amendment to the constitution. At the time of the reading of the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I went and took a seat alongside of Grand Master Taylor, in the seat usually occupied by the Grand Marshal. I saw Treadwell, the Grand Secretary, when he read that resolution. I was then sitting in the seat of the Grand Marshal, immediately in the rear of the Grand Secretary—some few feet distant. I saw the paper from which he read the resolution. It was a printed pamphlet which he held in his hand. I should say it was similar to document B. The resolution on the first page of document B was the resolution that was offered. I have seen the original convention constitution and signed it—I was a member of the convention from the city of New York. Shortly before the resolution was offered I saw the convention constitution on the Grand Secretary's table; I do not know that it was removed by anybody. The form of constitution appended to the resolution was not read at the time the resolution was offered by G. Representative Dwinelle. After the Grand Secretary had read the resolution and began to read "Sec. 1.," or something of that kind, he turned to the Grand Master and said, "I suppose it is not necessary to read it," then somebody from the other end of the room said, "there would be sufficient copies to supply all." Immediately after, copies were furnished; I think a recess was taken before the copies were distributed. I suppose 100 or 200, perhaps 300 to 500 were distributed; every one who wished was supplied. I have here a copy which I received when they were distributed. [It was handed to the committee and marked K.]

Cross Examination by Past Grand Andrews.—When Grand Representative Dwinelle offered his resolution I was sitting with the Grand Master. I saw Grand Representative Dwinelle when he offered it. He was standing by the post to the right of the Grand Master, some

six or eight feet from where I sat, or perhaps ten feet. I saw him have that document in his hand when he offered his resolution. My attention was called to that document by Grand Master Taylor, who asked me what Brother Dwinelle had in his hand. I cannot swear that document B. was the identical document that Brother Dwinelle had in his hand. I do not know that I could have detected it if any other form of constitution had been appended to that resolution than document B. I had not a copy of document B before I went into the Grand Lodge that day. I saw D. P. Barnard have two copies in his hand before it was offered that day. It was in the Grand Lodge room. I saw Dr. Wallace with a copy. I did not know that there were amendments to be proposed. I did not attend any meetings of Past Grands to take into consideration any amendments to the constitution.

Q. By Grand Rep. Smith.—Did you ever see the resolution on the first page of document B in manuscript form?

A. I saw it this morning; and I think I have seen it before. It was in possession of Houel, the printer.

Q. Did you ever see it in the Grand Lodge room?

A. No.

Q. Was the constitution, as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, ever before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York?

A. It was, in my opinion, in a legal point of view.

By P. G. Dwinelle.—I think the manuscript resolution which I saw this morning was in Barnard's hand-writing.

By G. Rep. Smith.—Do you mean to say that a copy of the constitution sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States was ever before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York?

A. I don't know that the Grand Lodge of the United States ever sent down a constitution. The form of constitution submitted by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States was legally before that body in my opinion.

By P. G. Andrews.—I did not hear it announced that the convention constitution was on the Grand Secretary's table. Printed copies of the convention constitution were called for and distributed, but I think it was not that day. It might be the next day, when the constitution was under consideration. I am unable to state by whom the call was made. I do not remember the Grand Master calling for them at that time. The Grand Secretary distributed them. I consider that the constitution in document K complies with the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—You have said that in your opinion the form of constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States was legally before the Grand Lodge of New York. Do you mean to refer to the form of constitution contained in document K, by you presented to the committee?

A. I do, in connection with other documents before the Grand Lodge of New York.

By P. G. Andrews.—I refer to the mandate sent down by the Grand Lodge and the original convention constitution, which was lying on the Grand Secretary's table.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock.

The committee re-assembled at 6 o'clock.

Grand Rep. P. Della Torre called.—He identifies document L as one of the original documents referred to the Committee of Appeals by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which was reported upon by the Committee of Appeals, and afterwards referred to the Committee on Constitutions. He identifies it by the endorsement on the cover in his own hand-writing.

Daniel P. Barnard called and obligated.

Examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.—I was present at the last November session of the Grand Lodge of New York. I was present when Grand Representative Dwinelle offered a resolution on the subject of the amendment of the constitution. The resolution was drawn up by me and printed. Grand Representative Dwinelle obtained a copy of it at my office on the morning of the November session, previous to the commencement of the session. It was printed in New York at Mr. Houel's office. I had 8 or 10 copies in my possession when I furnished Grand Representative Dwinelle with one. I think there were 500 printed by Houel at that time. The rest of the edition were taken up to the Grand Lodge room in the course of that morning, and as soon as the first recess took place they were distributed. A form of constitution was appended to that resolution. I should recognize a copy of that edition if it were presented to me. The document B is one of the edition I got printed. That document was offered by Grand Representative Dwinelle; he read the resolution, stated that the constitution was appended to it, and as there were copies enough printed for each representative, and as a recess was about to take place, or as he was about to move a recess; he would not detain them by reading the whole constitution. It was handed to the Grand Secretary, the recess was moved and adopted, and on the re-assembling of the Grand Lodge he offered a written resolution that his resolution and constitution be made the special order for Thursday morning, I think immediately after the admission of new members. The next morning at the time appointed, the then Grand Master, Taylor, stated that pursuant to the resolution adopted on the previous day, that constitution would be taken up. He directed the Grand Secretary to proceed with the reading of it. The Grand Secretary read the resolution and the constitution until he came to article ii, section 1. Past Grand Sire Kennedy offered an amendment to that section. A point of order was raised that the constitution was not open for amendment until the reading was completed; the Grand Master decided that the amendment was in order at that time. An appeal was taken from his decision, and it was reversed by the Grand Lodge. The read-

ing then proceeded to the end of the constitution. At that time Past Grand Master Stewart was in the chair. He asked what the Grand Lodge would do with the constitution. I stated, although I did not think it necessary, yet for the purpose of bringing the matter before the Grand Lodge, I moved the adoption of the resolution and the constitution appended thereto. The motion was seconded and stated from the chair. Past Grand Sire Kennedy then asked if it was in order to offer amendments. The chair decided that it was. He then moved the same amendment which he had previously moved to article ii. He made a speech on the subject. Grand Representative Dwinelle replied, and moved the previous question. The chair stated that the previous question would carry us back to the convention constitution.

I insisted that the previous question would bring us back to the resolution and constitution of Grand Rep. Dwinelle. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair. My impression is that I took the appeal myself. The decision of the chair was reversed. The previous question was then seconded and carried, and the question was then put on the adoption of the resolution and constitution of Grand Rep. Dwinelle, and it was carried by a vote of 202 to 77. I think Past Grand Master Stewart, who was still in the chair, then stated that the constitution having been adopted by the requisite majority of two-thirds, it became the organic law of that Grand Lodge. Somebody stated "to take effect from the close of the November session," and he said "yes." I think a motion of reconsideration was then moved and lost. That gives the history of that constitution. I think, but I am not sure, that a motion to reconsider was made and lost. Before the session commenced, there had been a consultation between several members of the Grand Lodge, as to the best mode of bringing the subject before the Grand Lodge and disposing of it without an unnecessary waste of time. The result of that deliberation was the taking up the convention constitution and amending it as we thought it would be most satisfactory, and then get it printed, with the resolution amending it, and submit it to the Grand Lodge immediately after the receipt of the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and for the purpose of getting the floor at that time, some half a dozen of us had each a printed copy of the resolution and constitution in our pockets before the session commenced. We agreed to spread ourselves around the Grand Master's chair at different points, so that no matter which way he looked, one of us was sure to catch his eye. We had arranged the whole order of procedure, and anticipated the points that would probably arise, and what we should do in case they did arise; and the events occurred pretty nearly as we anticipated them, except there were not quite as many votes taken by representation as we thought would be taken. It was a part of that pre-arrangement that that constitution should be declared adopted if it received a two-third vote—by which I mean the constitution presented by Grand Rep. Dwinelle.

There were several copies of the convention constitution in the room on the first day, but not sufficient to supply every one with a copy. There were perhaps one hundred there. I did not see the original of the convention constitution there. This paper is in my hand-writing. [It is paper marked M.] It is the original of the printed resolution. I sent it to the printer, Houel.

Cross-examined by P. G. Andrews.—These amendments were prepared by Grand Representatives Dwinelle and Dimon, Past Grand Wallace, and at meetings of some Past Grands that were held in New York and in Brooklyn. The chief parts of the amendments were prepared by Grand Representative Dwinelle and myself. They were a committee that had been appointed at a meeting of the Past Grands from the country, which was held in New York at the annual session to endeavor to effect a compromise constitution. This same committee continued to act without any express authority. I do not recollect that any announcement was made by the Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge that the original of the convention constitution was then present. I don't recollect that I heard anything said about it in the Grand Lodge room.

Re-examined by P. G. Dwinelle.—A Grand Lodge was organized under the constitution offered by Grand Representative Dwinelle. I was the Grand Master, and was installed into office in pursuance of an election. I was installed by P. G. M. Wm. L. G. Smith. Theodore Dimon and John W. Dwinelle were elected Grand Representatives under that constitution for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. W. H. H. Prall was elected Grand Secretary, and installed.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Sept. 21, 1848.

Committee assembled at 9 o'clock A. M.

James L. Ridgely called and obligated.

Examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.—I am Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have been so for some years past. I transmitted document A to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, John G. Treadwell. I transmitted him one hundred copies. I did not transmit a copy of the convention constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in the shape in which the Grand Lodge of the United States left it, as a specific thing, further than was indicated in the printed paper sent. I sent no other paper than the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, marked A. I received document marked N from John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I believe I received document O with document N. [Document N is an official letter from John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, under the seal of the said Grand Lodge dated December 6th, 1847, directed to James L. Ridgely,

Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating, among other things, that he forwarded to the said Corresponding Secretary a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847, to be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Document O is the printed copy of said proceedings which accompanied said letter. Document O is identical with document E.] I received document N and O in the course of mail.

I wish to explain. The convention constitution, so called, as matured by the Committee on Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and directed to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for their consideration, never had any existence as a specific document. It existed only as indicated by the report of the Committee on Constitutions, and was, therefore, the only tangible manner by which the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States could reach it. I sent it, therefore, in that form, had it printed by request of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, who reviewed and approved of it, and consented to pay for the printing. I considered that a compliance with the specific order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (page 1127, vol. II,) in the following words:

“Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals to-day made on the appeals from the Grand Lodge of New York, and the action of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the State of New York.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—The convention constitution was in the hands of the Committee on Constitutions in a printed form. They never reported anything but the MSS. report, which is on file. When I say I had “it” printed, I mean the document transmitted by me to the Grand Lodge of New York, and not the convention constitution. The copy of the convention constitution which the Grand Lodge of the United States had, was presented by Grand Representative Dimon, and referred to the Committee of Appeals.

By Past Grand Andrews.—I sent so many copies of the document to New York, at the request of Bro. Treadwell, who desired to distribute them. I sent no other document. He did not request me to send any other document. Immediately after the adjournment of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Grand Secretary Treadwell called on me and offered to prepare an abstract himself of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States in relation to the New York controversy, if I would authenticate them for him, that he might take them with him. This I declined to do, but promised him that I would make the abstract at an early moment and send it to him. We went through the journal together, and agreed upon the proceedings that were to be sent, one hundred printed copies of which he also desired me to send, and to send the bill with them. In a very few days afterwards, I cannot say how long, I made the abstract and caused it to be printed and sent to him by express, being the same document before referred to marked A

Bro. Dwinelle closes his case.

Bro. Dwinelle admits that Bros. James W. Hale and John J. Davies were elected Grand Representatives by the Grand Lodge of New York, working under the old constitution, at its annual meeting, August, 1848.

Examination resumed:

Benjamin J. Pentz called by P. G. Andrews.

I am now and was in November last a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and a Representative from Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 22. I attended the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the first day of the November session, 1847. I was present when the substance of a resolution of the kind of that in document B was offered. I mean to say that a resolution was offered of the tenor and substance of this resolution. It was offered by Grand Rep. John W. Dwinelle. There was not any other resolution offered at that time in relation to the constitution, by P. G. Dwinelle. It was in the shape of a written resolution. It was on about a quarter of a sheet of foolscap paper. Brother Dwinelle was standing at the right of the Grand Secretary, with the piece of paper in his hand, from which he read or appeared to read. I was in front of the Brother, and did not see whether it was manuscript or not. P. G. Dwinelle did not, to the best of my knowledge and belief, have any document in his hand excepting the piece of paper before mentioned. I don't think it possible that he could have had a document like document B in his hand without my noticing it. I think I was not present at the opening of the November session, 1847. I came into the room between 11 and 12 o'clock. The usual hour of opening is 10 o'clock. I did not see any copies of a constitution in the Grand Lodge during its session that morning. I was opposed to the amendments to the constitution as submitted at that session. I did not know that document C was before the Grand Lodge of New York at that session. I did not see it. I never saw it before.

Bro. Andrews offered document I as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, which P. G. Dwinelle admitted to be the proceedings of that session, in the form in which they were corrected and adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, working under the old constitution, at its quarterly session in February, 1848.

Cross-examination by P. G. Dwinelle.—It was not possible for P. G. Dwinelle to have document B in his hand at the time he offered the resolution without my seeing it. I mean the hand in which he held the document, from which he appeared to be reading. I am Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge working under the old constitution. The charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is in possession of the Grand Master of that State, George H. Andrews. I suppose it is in his personal custody. The charter was formerly kept in the Grand Lodge room of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It was in a frame hanging against the wall. I do not know when it was first removed from that position. I have frequently seen the frame vacant in the Grand Lodge room during the sessions of the Grand Lodge. I cannot say when the first time

was that I saw it so vacant; but it was since the first day of the November session. I had seen the charter of the Grand Lodge on the Grand Lodge room wall for several years previous to that time. The time I first saw the frame vacant the difficulties in that jurisdiction had commenced. I received a copy of document B on the first day of the November session, but not in the Grand Lodge—that is, not during the session. I remained there until the recess. I received a copy between 12 and 1 o'clock at noon in the Grand Lodge room. They were distributed during the recess. They were brought into the Grand Lodge room by Houel, the printer, before the recess, and given by him to Daniel P. Barnard. I asked Barnard to give me a copy. He declined doing so, and so far as I observed, did not, to my knowledge, give a copy to any person during that session of the Grand Lodge. The bundles in which they were brought were not untied. During the recess they were distributed by Barnard to any one that wanted one. The way I knew they were amendments to the constitution, was this—I asked the printer if they were not, and he told me they were. They were distributed in a very little time after the recess was ordered. I do not know particularly what the recess was ordered for.

The recess was occupied by the City Past Grands in considering amendments to the constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and deciding upon what course was best for them to pursue at the meeting of the Grand Lodge. I think they formed an organized body for that purpose. I am not able to say whether they had a Chairman and Secretary or not. I think they had a Chairman. I was present in the Grand Lodge at 3 o'clock, when it met again on that day. A resolution was then offered to adjourn, I think. There was no business done that afternoon in consequence of an agreement to adjourn over to the next day. The City Past Grands again met that evening. They had printed copies of document B before them.

Re-examination by Past Grand Andrews.—I was present at the installation of Grand Officers in 1848. A Grand Master was then installed, and the charter was given to him as Grand Master of the State of New York. It was given to him, George H. Andrews, as Grand Master whilst being installed. I cannot say that any individual in my presence threatened to get possession of the charter before I knew it was removed from its frame; but before it was known to other parties that it was removed, bets were made that the charter would be taken from the possession of Joseph R. Taylor, Grand Master, within thirty days, forcibly or legally. By "legally" I understood, not according to the laws of Odd-Fellowship, but the laws of the State of New York, through the Court of Chancery. At the times when I saw the charter frame empty, the instrument itself was present in the Grand Lodge during its session. I did not hear the form of constitution which the Grand Lodge of the United States directed the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to act upon, read during the November session.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—I did not hear it or any part of it read

By Grand Rep. Smith.—During the time I was present at the November session, there was no convention constitution before the body, as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Q. Was it called for by any member?

A. Not during the time I was there.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—Was there any constitution before the Grand Lodge of New York?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. To what constitution did you understand the resolution on the first page of document B, referred?

A. The resolution of Grand Representative Dwinelle I supposed to refer to some constitution before the body before I came into the Grand Lodge room.

Q. Did you hear that resolution so distinctly, and is your recollection of it so distinct, as to identify it as there printed or as not materially different?

A. I think it is the same.

Q. Do you recollect to have noticed the peculiar expression, "that the form of constitution reported by the convention, held in November, 1846, which was referred back to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States?"

A. I think it is the same.

Q. Did you not, and must not the Grand Lodge of New York then have understood that the subject upon which they were called to deliberate, was the convention constitution, referred to them by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. I understood that at that November session the form of constitution as transmitted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was to be taken up by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for amendment, rejection, or adoption. What the Grand Lodge understood I do not know.

Q. Were you present at the meeting of the City Past Grands on the evening to which you have referred?

A. I was.

Q. Was not the form of constitution directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States to be passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the subject of discussion?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the form of constitution designated the convention constitution?

A. I have frequently read it.

Q. Did you read the form of constitution as appended to the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle, and distributed to the Grand Lodge that day?

A. I did.

Q. Is there any similarity in the instruments?

A. Some.

Q. Can you say whether there is a general similarity or not?

A. I know there were a great many alterations, but in some parts they are very similar.

By Grand Representative Ramsdell.—Was the delivery of the charter of which you have spoken made by the installing officer?

A. Yes. It was by Joseph R. Taylor, Grand Master.

P. G. M. Joseph D. Stewart called and obligated.

Examined by P. G. Andrews.—Were you present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3d November?

A. I was not.

Q. Were you on Thursday, the 4th November?

A. I was.

Q. At the opening?

A. No, sir.

Q. What time did you arrive?

A. About 12 o'clock.

Q. What was doing at that time?

A. P. G. Dwinelle was reading what was called a constitution; he was assisting the Grand Secretary.

Q. Who was in the chair?

A. Grand Master Taylor.

Q. Did he retain the chair?

A. He did not; he called me to the chair about five minutes after I came into the room.

Q. After the document or constitution had been read, what was the first proceeding—do you recollect?

A. P. G. Barnard offered a resolution.

Q. Was the form of motion as recorded on page 307, doc. E, the form in which he presented his motion?

A. Have no recollection of hearing Barnard, in making the motion, make use of the words, "the convention constitution," and I heard distinctly what he said.

Q. After amendments were offered by P. G. Kennedy, and Dwinelle called for the previous question, did McGowan ask the chair what was the previous question?

A. I decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Q. Did you really understand that the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States was before the body?

A. I supposed it was before the body, as I had not attended the meeting on Wednesday, and did not think any other form could be before them, and accordingly so decided.

Q. Was there then a call made by any member for the production of a copy of the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. There was, and I asked the Grand Secretary for the convention constitution as amended; he answered, "I have not got it, and know nothing about it." The answer was made immediately. He had told me previous to the meeting, "that he had it."

Q. Do I understand that previous to the meeting you had heard the Grand Secretary of New York say that the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was in his possession?

A. He said he had it, and it was in the iron safe, all right. This was said in the Grand Secretary's office.

Q. When Dwinelle called the previous question, did you understand what it applied to?

A. I did.

Q. When you decided as on p. 308, doc. E, did you not know that other amendments had been offered?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you understand that the constitution was a part of the resolution as offered by Dwinelle?

A. I did.

Q. Is that form as recorded on page 308, document E, as you decided?

A. It is not full, as there should be added, "as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Q. Was your decision reversed by the Grand Lodge?

A. It was; and the question then recurred upon the resolution of Dwinelle?

Q. Is the decision as recorded on page 312, document E, as you made it?

A. It is not; my decision was, the resolution was adopted.

Q. Was there any altercation between you and Dwinelle upon the subject?

A. There was some conversation between us; he desired me to make a different decision, but I said the resolution was adopted.

Q. When the Grand Lodge reversed your decision on the appeal, what did you say?

A. I said, shall the main question now be put, and the question was taken without being stated by the chair.

Q. Did this conclude the voting, and comprehend the entire subject?

A. Yes, sir; it was the final vote; no language as recorded on page 310, document E, was used by me.

Q. You say the proceedings, as recorded on page 312, document E, were not correct?

A. They are not, as I considered the resolution was the only thing adopted.

Q. Was there a proposition put to the body as to the adoption of a constitution by itself?

A. No, sir, not by me, or to my knowlege.

Q. Were you in the chair when there were any amendments offered?

A. Yes, sir; by P. G. Kennedy, but by no other person.

Q. Was there any vote taken on any amendment to the constitution.

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did any other person offer any amendments?

A. None other than Kennedy.

Q. Who next got the floor after Kennedy?

A. Dwinelle.

Q. After he had the floor, what did he do?

A. He called for the previous question.

Q. On what?

A. On his resolution.

Q. Were there any amendments adopted or offered except the one offered by Kennedy?

A. There was not; there was no chance for any amendments.

Q. Was there a protest offered?

A. There was.

Q. Did all the minority vote under protest?

A. I believe they all did.

Q. Is the protest as printed the one voted under?

A. It appears to be.

Q. Does it embrace all your views upon the subject therein referred to?

A. It does, or I should not have signed it.

Q. Does the protest correctly recite the decision you made?

A. I think it does.

Q. It appears at the bottom of page 312, document E, that you did decide the foregoing adopted, which seems at variance with your testimony as now given. How do you explain this?

A. I have stated that that was not my decision. I presume the manner it is so recorded is because I had no opportunity to see the record, although I made two applications to see the minutes from the Grand Secretary, but he failed to allow me to do so before they were printed, although he had promised, on two applications, to allow me to see the proof of the minutes.

I did preside in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York during the time Grand Rep. Dwinelle's resolution, on page 1, document B, was under consideration. During that time I did not see document marked C on the Grand Secretary's table. It was not announced that such a document was in the room.

Cross-examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.—I have never seen or heard of document C before to-day. I do not know what it is. [The document shown to the witness.] I have never seen it before. I think it is very doubtful whether it could have lain on the Secretary's table without my seeing it. The Secretary's table is generally covered with papers and documents. In saying that the convention constitution was not announced, I only speak for the time during which I was present. The reading of document B was going on when I took the chair.

Re-examined by Past Grand Andrews.—I did not see any printed copies of the convention constitution distributed that day. The Grand Master, sitting in his chair, overlooks the desk of the Grand Secretary, and can see every thing upon it.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—When the Grand Secretary is reading documents he stands between his desk and the chair of the Grand Master, but not in such a way as to prevent the Grand Master seeing what is on his desk.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—I have acted as Grand Master of the State of New York. It is a long time since I was Grand Master. I was elected August, 1838; my term expired August, 1839. I cannot say much about the manner in which the records have been kept for the last few years—in a very bad manner, I fear. The Grand Lodge being in session, business transacted at such session, such as reports, votes, resolutions, are received, read, and acted upon. At the next meeting the proceedings of the previous meeting are read. I cannot say whether they are read from print or manuscript. Action is taken upon them. They are read and adopted or corrected. I do not know of any law which gives the Grand Master a direct supervision over the minutes of the Grand Lodge, but the custom has been to submit all action of the Grand Lodge to the officer presiding during such session.

By Past Grand Andrews.—I am not aware that it is the custom of the Grand Master to keep minutes of such action, while he presides, but I only speak for myself, for this reason, that the Grand Secretary never printed his proceedings while I was Grand Master. without submitting them to me.

At the request of Grand Rep. Marshall, the old constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, marked P, is put in as evidence.

P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy called and obligated.

Examined by P. G. Andrews.—I was a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, 1847. I was present on the first day of the session at the opening. I remained until the recess; was there again when it resumed, and remained until the second recess. It is usual for me to take a seat in the vicinity of the Grand Master. I think during a principal part of the time before the first recess, I was either near or within the railing of the Grand Secretary. I remember distinctly being seated near the first column outside of the Grand Secretary's railing, by the side of brother Dwinelle, a part of that time. I know nothing about this identical document B. I did not see Grand Representative Dwinelle present any document in that shape or form. I recollect that he offered a resolution. A few minutes before brother Dwinelle offered his resolution we were seated together in conversation. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge was at that time reading the abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States. During that time I observed a piece of paper in the hands of brother Dwinelle, but I did not pay particular attention to it. It appeared to be a piece of writing paper. At the conclusion of the reading of the document from Grand Secretary Ridgely, one of the brothers within the railing near the Grand Secretary's desk moved a recess for one hour and called the previous question on it. It caused considerable excitement in different parts of the room, and

brother Dwinelle left me and passed over to the other side of the platform of the Grand Secretary. I was on the left side, and he passed over to the right hand side within the railing. He there appeared to solicit the brother to withdraw his motion for the recess. The brother immediately did so as well as his call for the previous question. On it being announced from the chair that the motions were withdrawn, brother Dwinelle offered his resolution. I think it was substantially the resolution which is printed at the head of document B. I think it was the same piece of paper that he had in his hand when I sat by his side. I have seen document C before. I never saw it in the Grand Lodge room at any time. I have seen it in the Grand Secretary's office. I was present on Thursday, the second day of the November session, when the constitution was acted upon. On neither the first nor second day of the November session did I see a printed copy of the convention constitution in the Grand Lodge room; I wanted one but could not obtain it. There was a call made for the form of constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, by P. G. M. McGowan. Brother Stewart was, at the time, in the Grand Master's chair officiating, and he directed the Grand Secretary to read or present it. I think the call was to read it, and he directed the Grand Secretary to read it. The Grand Secretary responded that he had no such document. The form of convention constitution was not read during that session; that is, during the first days up to the time of the vote, and the motion for reconsideration which was rejected. I made a suggestion to brother Dwinelle as to the inefficiency of his resolution to accomplish his object. I saw no copies of document B distributed during the session of the Grand Lodge prior to the first recess. I speak very positively on that; but during the recess P. G. Barnard brought in the parcel, then laid them down near the Grand Master's chair, and said, brethren, help yourselves, but don't be too lavish. The bundle appeared large; there might be one or two hundred copies. [Document L shown to the witness.] This appears to contain the form of convention constitution, but I am not familiar with it in this shape. I am familiar with it as recorded on page 133 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its August session, 1847—[produced, and marked document Q.] The August proceedings were present in the Grand Lodge during the November session.

I know the hand-writing of John G. Treadwell, of New York. I have seen him write. The body of document R appears to be in the hand-writing of Grand Secretary Treadwell.

P. G. Dwinelle admits that the sheets produced in document R, so far as they go, are the original minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, as made by Grand Secretary Treadwell, at or during such sessions.

By P. G. Dwinelle.—The convention constitution was in general circulation, in a printed form, amongst the Past Grands of the Order, previous to the November session, 1847.

By P. G. Andrews.—I cannot say to what extent the “mandate” of the Grand Lodge of the United States was circulated before the November session. I had a copy.

By G. Rep. Marshall.—I am acquainted with the manner in which the journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is generally authenticated. The sheets in document R show the manner in which the Grand Secretary has been in the habit of preparing the proceedings. In the Grand Lodge he kept rough minutes of the proceedings, inserting numbers for resolutions and other papers presented; and afterwards, in recess, the proceedings were finished by writing out his rough minutes, and wafering on the resolutions and other papers. Where there was a sheet or more of them, they were paged in, as in document R. After being prepared in this manner, it was usual to read them at the earliest meeting thereafter; but that would depend on the pressure of business. Sometimes it occurred at the second meeting, and sometimes it was further deferred so as to give the Grand Secretary further time. There was a great deal of leniency shown towards Grand Secretary Treadwell in this respect by all parties in the Grand Lodge. When they were read, they were passed upon by the Grand Lodge by vote, in form of document R generally, but not always. Sometimes they were passed upon in printed form, a portion of the latter meetings of a session not having had an opportunity to come before the Grand Lodge before the close of the session. It was the uniform practice of the Grand Secretary to print the proceedings of the last meeting of every session, although not approved until the succeeding quarterly session of the Grand Lodge, and for all other meetings that had not been passed upon. The entire preparation was entrusted to the Grand Secretary. It is impossible for me to say whether the proceedings (document R) have ever been passed upon by the Grand Lodge of New York during its November session. I attended during two days. When the Grand Lodge terminated its session on the first day, it was not by adjournment, but by a recess provided for in a resolution offered by brother Dwinelle; and when the Grand Lodge re-assembled on the Thursday morning, it was considered a continuation of the previous day’s session, and the proceedings were not read, nor did they go through the usual morning order of business. The understood reason why a recess was taken was to prevent the usual routine order of business being taken up. [Document D shown to the witness.] This is in my hand-writing. As the names were announced, those who voted in the negative authorized me to sign their names to the protest. It was written in the Grand Lodge room while the constitution was being read, and during the taking of the yeas and nays, which followed on the second day of the session. When the first person on the list was called to vote, P. G. M. McGowan, he declined voting at first. I then arose and stated, that probably the brother would have no objection to voting under protest. He said he would have no objection to do so. Bro. Dwinelle, I believe, but I am not positive, asked for the form of his

protest. I said I had a form. He called for the reading of it. It was then read by me. Brother McGowan assented to it and voted accordingly. The others named on the protest all voted in the same way.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—I think this is not the original protest that I prepared. I believe I wrote two paragraphs and handed it to brother Coffin, who added the last. I afterwards copied it in my hand-writing. The copy was not made when brother McGowan voted. The names were put on a sheet of paper not in connection with it. I don't know where the original draft is. I furnished this to brother Treadwell about a week, or possibly two weeks, from the commencement of the session. I think it may have had some verbal corrections, but it is substantially the same as the original.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—I do not know what has become of the original protest. It was brought into my store by brother Treadwell for me to copy. I made this copy (document D) and gave it to Grand Secretary Treadwell. I cannot say what I did with the original. The probability is that I burned it. I have not seen it since. It has not been usual for Grand Masters to examine the entire minutes of proceedings as prepared by the Grand Secretary; sometimes it was done. But it was usual for the Grand Masters to examine so much of the proceedings as was connected with any decisions of the chair in session of the Grand Lodge. It was usual for the Grand Secretary, when the manuscript was not shown, to show the proof to the Grand Master to see whether it was according to his intentions at the time.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—If the Grand Lodge held a quarterly session on consecutive days, did its business, and closed the session without reading and approving the journal of that session, the journal would come up, according to general practice, in a printed form, at the next session, for approval.

By Grand Rep. Ramsdell.—I have never known any such instance.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—The unapproved minutes of proceedings, if any, were printed by the Grand Secretary, and issued to the subordinates before they came up for approval in the Grand Lodge. But it seldom occurred that the printed proceedings of one session were ready for circulation or distribution before the commencement of another. Such copies as were circulated were not binding on the subordinates unless they were under seal. I think the sealed copy was not circulated until they were approved. I am sure of it.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—I was in the Grand Secretary's office from one to three times every day unless absent from the city; and I never knew a case of one being sent out under seal before they were approved. I think there are several laws which require the seal to be attached to give any paper authenticity.

Recess for fifteen minutes.

Committee re-assembled.

By consent of parties, P. G. Dwinelle testifies, being obligated, as follows:

I was in the session of the Grand Lodge of New York in November, 1847. A short time before the opening of the session the first day, document B was given to me by Bro. Barnard. The day before I had assisted him in reading proof of this document at the printer's office. Some eight or ten printed copies of it were distributed to prominent brethren, under an arrangement that the one who first got the floor should offer it. Before I had an opportunity of getting the floor, it occurred to me that by the rules of order of my own Lodge, all resolutions must be in writing. I presumed those rules were copied from those of the Grand Lodge, I was therefore apprehensive that if I offered the resolution in print, some one might make a technical objection that it was not in writing. I therefore made a copy in writing of this printed resolution. I laid the written resolution across the face of the printed document. When I got the floor I read the printed resolution, which appeared above the written copy, and handed the printed document to the Secretary. I recognize document B as the very document which I submitted.

I retained the written resolution in my possession. It is not now in my possession, I do not know where it is. I believe there was not more than one vote taken on my resolution, except on the motion to reconsider.

Testimony closed by both parties in relation to the Grand Lodge.
Recess to 5 o'clock.

EVIDENCE TAKEN IN THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT CASE.

Friday, September 22d, 1848.

John J. Davies called and obligated. Examined by Joseph D. Stewart.

I am Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York. At the session held on the 21st of February, 1848, these two documents were received from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. [Documents 1 and 2.] They were received without objection from any one, and disposed of in the usual manner. On the 20th of March I received, as Grand Scribe, and presented to the Grand Encampment, the following documents. [Documents 3, 4, and 5.] I also presented this document. [Marked 6.] I present a communication from the Most Worthy Grand Sire in answer to a letter of mine. [Marked 7.] On the 3d of April, I was present to perform my duty as Grand Scribe to the Grand Encampment. The Grand Patriarch was also present for the purpose of opening, which he declined doing on the ground that there were persons present who were members of Lodges that had been suspended. The G. H. Priest was called upon to open the Encampment by some member; upon his proceeding to do so, the Grand Patriarch warned him that it would be illegal, and that he, the G. Patriarch, was there for the purpose of doing that duty, and would do it as soon as he could see

that it could be legally done. The Grand High Priest declared the Encampment open, the G. Patriarch still retaining his seat, a great body of the members being covered, passing in and out without addressing the chair or giving any word to the Sentinel on entering or retiring. I was called upon by Grand High Priest, Isacher G. Reed, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which the Grand Patriarch forbade me to do, and I declined so doing. They then proceed to admit and instruct new members, whose credentials had not been acted upon, they being in my pocket at that time. Bro. Dimon then arose and offered a verbal resolution, or was on the point of offering it, for he did not conclude, the purport of which was the removal of the officers. He was interrupted by Bro. Dwinelle, who, drawing a paper out of his pocket, observed: "I have something that meets the case." He then read a resolution to the purport following:

"Resolved, That Thaddeus Davids, Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, and John J. Davies, R. W. Grand Scribe, having this evening, in the presence of this R. W. Grand Encampment, committed flagrant contempt of its authority, and refused to obey its mandate, are hereby removed from their respective offices."

That resolution, I believe, was declared adopted by Grand High Priest Reed. There was other business proceeded with, amongst which was an election, but whether for more than one officer I am not aware. After some other proceeding on their part the Encampment was declared closed, Grand Patriarch Davids still retaining his chair, and during the evening, repeatedly warned both officers and members that their course was illegal. He then, by virtue of his authority, declared the Encampment informally adjourned until the 17th April. I present the following document. (marked 8.) I received it in my official capacity as Grand Scribe prior to the 3d of April.

On the 3d of April there were persons present whose names had been sent to me as members of suspended lodges.—D. P. Barnard and Isacher G. Reed, of No. 166; Richard Sharp, of 26; and John C. Jacques, of 94. When the Grand Patriarch requested members who were present, whose lodges had been suspended, to retire, D. P. Barnard, rose and said in substance, I do not pretend to recollect the exact form of words he used, that his lodge was suspended or said to be suspended, but that he should not retire, which was responded to by several of the others saying "nor I, nor I." The Grand Sentinel was not in charge of the door. I went out and returned, and saw others do the same, without giving any pass-word or token. We did not consider that the Grand Encampment had been opened; but it had been declared open by the Grand High Priest. The time I refer to when I went in and out without giving a pass-word and saw others do the same, was after the Grand High Priest had declared the Grand Encampment open and before it was closed by him. At the time new members were admitted, I was in or near the seat of the Grand Scribe, and do not know of my own knowledge, whether the door was then without the protection of the Sentinel.

Cross-Examined by H. P. Rowel. The Grand High Priest waited until about twenty minutes or half-past 8 o'clock, I think, before he opened the Grand Encampment. There were from seventy to seventy-five persons present, who were, or claimed to be, members. I know that the credentials of persons instructed in the Grand Encampment degree that night had not been acted upon, because I had them in my pocket. I don't say all, for I do not know the exact number that were instructed that evening. I had the credentials of one member from Enhakkore Encampment, No. 5, in my pocket. I had the credentials of John Purse, from Damascus Encampment, No. 18, of a member from Mount Vernon, No. 8, and two from Tri Mount, No. 24. John Purse was not instructed in the Grand Encampment degree. The member from Enhakkore was instructed. I had the credentials of Bro. Calahan, from Tompkins Encampment, he was not instructed.

I wish to explain. When I said that the Grand Sentinel was not in charge of the door, I do not wish to be understood as saying that there was no person in charge of the door.

On the 3d of April, the Grand Senior Warden was in his seat in the Grand Encampment. I think the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Treasurer were present also.

Thaddeus Davids called and obligated.

Examined by J. D. Stewart. I was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, on the 3d of April last, and until the installation of my successor in August last. On the 3d of April I had in my possession the charter of the Grand Encampment, which remained in my official keeping, and was delivered to my successor on his installation, by myself personally, and it had never been out of my official keeping, nor it had never been demanded of me by any person or persons whatever, during my official term as Grand Patriarch. There were from seventy to eighty persons present on the 3d of April, about forty of those present took part in the proceedings by voting.

Document 9 is here offered in evidence, and received by consent of parties, being the constitution, by-laws and rules of order of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York.

Document 10 offered in evidence, and received, purporting to be the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York.

J. J. Davies re-called. [Document 11 is shown to the witness.] This is a true transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment on the evening of April 3d, as taken from the MSS. record book or journal of proceedings.

This book is the record of the minutes of the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F., of the State of New York. It appears by this book who were elected Grand Patriarch and other Grand Officers on the 31st of July, 1848. They were Joseph R. Taylor, of No. 9, M. W. Grand Patriarch; T. M. Clarke, Grand High Priest; Abraham Brower, Grand Senior Warden; John J. Davies, Grand Scribe; George R. Jackson,

of No. 35, Grand Treasurer; Henry Bremer, of No. 12, Grand Junior Warden.

It appears from this book that they were installed on the evening of August 14, 1848. The Grand Patriarch elect, Jos. R. Taylor, was installed by Grand Patriarch Thaddeus Davids; and the rest of the officers by Grand Patriarch Taylor.

Brother Stewart, being counsel, here rests.

Brother Rowel offers in evidence documents 12 and 13, purporting to be proceedings of the Grand Encampment, (the first being a printed document, and the second in MSS.) working under Isacher G. Reed, as acting Grand Patriarch, and John L. Van Boskerck, Grand Scribe. These documents were received by consent.

David D. Egan, called and obligated.

Examined by H. P. Rowel.

(The testimony is received by consent.)

I was present at the meeting of the Grand Encampment on the evening of April 3d, 1848. There were present from seventy to eighty members; perhaps eighty. I have no knowledge of the number of persons voting on Patriarch Dwinelle's resolution to remove Thaddeus Davids and J. J. Davies from the offices of G. C. Patriarch and G. Scribe, but I should think there were four-fifths of those present. I was present previous to the opening of the Encampment.

When Grand Patriarch Davids was asked why he did not open the Encampment, he said he would at the proper time. After waiting some time the Grand High Priest told the Grand Patriarch that the proper time had arrived. He then refused to open the Encampment. The noise was so great around the Grand Patriarch's chair at the time, that if he gave any reasons for his refusal, I did not hear them. The Grand Scribe, Davies, stated that there were persons present who were members of suspended lodges, and that that was the reason why the Grand Patriarch refused to open the Grand Encampment. The Grand Scribe was asked by the Grand High Priest if he had any official notice of those members who were present belonging to suspended lodges. He did not directly answer the question.

Timothy Parson called and obligated.

Examined by H. P. Rowel.—I was present at the meeting of the Grand Encampment of April 3d, 1848. I do not know what number voted on the resolution to remove the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, but I should think a large majority, certainly more than two to one.

Cross-Examined by J. D. Stewart. I felt deeply interested and, therefore, particularly noticed the proportion of the number that voted.

John C. Jaques called and obligated.

Examined by H. P. Rowel. I was present at the meeting of the Grand Encampment of April 3d, 1848. I counted at the time, and as near as my recollection serves, there were either sixty or sixty-

three who voted on the resolution to remove the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe.

By Grand Rep. Ramsdell. There were two votes taken by rising, but which I cannot say. Some other votes were taken *viva voce*. I counted them while standing, and I went round the room to ascertain how many were present on the one side and on the other. I mean those who voted in the affirmative, there being no negative votes. I obtained my knowledge of the number voting by actual count while voting, and also by my knowledge of the number of persons present belonging to the party that voted.

Evidence closed.





